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Voter sign-up deadline nears

The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming May 22 primary is April 23. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford will accept voter registration cards until the close of business that date. Mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked by April 23. Voters who have recently moved need to update their voter registration information by the same date.

Changes in party affiliation for the primary election were due by Dec. 31 of last year. Voters who changed their party affiliation after that date are not eligible to vote in partisan races in the primary.

Minors who will be 18 years old on or before the Nov. 6 election are eligible to register and entitled to vote in the upcoming primary.

Back Roads tour is April 27-28

The annual Back Roads Festival in Crittenden County begins April 27 with events and attractions slated for Marion Commons and in the Amish community. More can be learned at www.marionkentucky.org.

Free dumping beginning today

Crittenden County will offer free dumping today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday at its convenience center on U.S. 60 East behind the county road department.

Items not accepted at the trash center include:

- Batteries;
- Wet paint, though cans dried up from age or use of an absorbent like cat litter can be taken;
- Anything with freon; and
- Anything with mercury.

Household trash in garbage sacks is also not included in the trash amnesty program.

Meetings

- Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Monday at Marion City Hall.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday in the judge's courthouse office. First reading of the budget will be presented.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday at Salem City Hall.

Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked: "Were you ever bullied at school?"

More than half of the respondents said they were bullied at some point. The 228 poll voters said:

- Yes, 147 (64%)
- No, 76 (33%)
- I was a bully, 5 (2%)

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City annexation forum raises questions

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

The first official meeting between city officials and residents of Airport Road on incorporation of their property into the City of Marion raised more questions than anticipated. As work to install city sewer to approximately 30 properties along the road west of Marion was scheduled to begin this week, the April 3 meeting left at least one city council member uneasy about the proposed annexation.

Gathered last week in the hangar at Marion-Crittenden County Airport, about two dozen residents along the proposed area of annexation met with City Administrator Mark Bryant and Mayor Mickey Alexander to hear answers to their questions. Many of those present were familiar with annexation plans after having already met with city officials about extension of city sewer lines from Sunrise Donuts off U.S. 60 West to the airport at the end of Airport Road,

"We had touched a bit on annexation in previous meetings," Bryant said.

Though response to proposition annexation seemed tepid, Bryant and Alexander each said after the meeting they remain confident the majority of residents along Airport Road are in favor of trading a city property tax bill for municipal services, including sewer and fire and police protection. In fact, each man has reported the favorable reception in previous council meetings.

"I suspect some people there were for it, some against it and some trying to figure out their position," the city administrator said.

For months, Councilman Donnie Arflack has said that from what he was hearing, many residents along Airport Road were opposed to annexation and paying city property taxes, despite a desire for access to the sewer utility.

"I don't think the annexa-

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VETERANS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Eugene Williams (left) of Williams Bros. Construction and John Bradley put the finishing touches last Wednesday on repainting a piece of playground equipment at Veterans Park in Marion. The two men are part of the city's effort to refurbish and upgrade the park. The city has replaced several rides and will install rubber mulch beneath the playing surfaces for children. Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said half of the approximate $2,000 in improvements to the playground was funded through a grant from the Kentucky League of Cities.

2nd Crittenden student to join WKU's prestigous Gatton Academy

STAFF REPORT

Going to college was something Crittenden County High School sophomore Marcus Hughes knew he wanted to do. His older brother and sister have both gone off to their respective four-year universities, so he knew he would soon be heading in that direction.

However, Hughes' trip to college has arrived sooner than expected with his acceptance into Western Kentucky University's Gatton Academy, where he will spend his junior and senior years of high school on campus earning dual credit as a freshman and sophomore college student at the Bowling Green university.

In the words of his mother, her son will be "going to college at 16."

The goals of the Gatton Academy are to enable Kentucky's exceptional young scientist and math students to learn in an environment that offers advanced educational opportunities, preparing them for leadership roles in the commonwealth. Moreover, the Gatton Academy assists in preparing Kentucky to compete in a knowledge-based economy by increasing the number of scientists and engineers who live and work in the state.

The academy is the Bluegrass State's only state-supported, residential program for high school students with interests in advanced science and math careers. It is one of 15 such programs in the nation.

It seeks to provide a rich living and learning environment designed specifically for academically talented adolescent students that features clubs, organizations and community service. Additionally, students are able to participate in advanced research with WKU faculty members. Research conducted during students' time at the Gatton Academy has been honored in the nationally competitive Siemens Competition, Intel Science Talent Search, Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program and the Department of Defense Science, Math and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship Program. Three of every four Gatton Academy students also participate in a study abroad or global learning experience in locations such as Costa Rica, Italy, Greece, England, China or Morocco.

> "After he recommended it to me, I started reading a bit more about it, and after I visited, I became more excited about it."
>
> **– Marcus Hughes**
> Crittenden County High School student on Western Kentucky University's prestigous Gatton Academy after encouragement from retired CCHS math teacher Greg Hollamon

GATTON ACADEMY

Top-five status

Western Kentucky University's Gatton Academy has been recognized by the magazine Newsweek as one of the nation's top five high schools.

Hughes is the second person from Crittenden County that has been selected to participate in the Gatton Academy. The first was Matthew Brasher, who coincidentally was also Hughes' brother's roommate at Murray State University.

To be eligible to partici-

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Hospital takes step back to move forward with OR expansion plan

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) has taken a step back in order to move forward with its now two-year-old plan to improve and expand its operating room.

Although work started on the operating room project in the winter of 2010, the original contractor is now gone, its surety company has collapsed and the hospital has filed legal action against the contractor, trying to recoup what CHS officials have said was about $1.1 million already spent on an incomplete project.

Last week, hospital officials opened bids from nine new contractors vying to complete the job. Those bids all were around $3 million. At press time, hospital officials, along with their architects, The Estopinal Group of Evansville, Ind., and Construction Process Solutions, a newly hired consulting firm from Cincinnati, Ohio, were still reviewing the bids and vetting contractors.

It may be next week before a bid is awarded, said Bart Frazer, legal counsel for the hospital.

In November 2011, CHS terminated its original contract with S&A Constructors of Nashville, Tenn. S&A was the lead contractor in the $2.63 million project that was supposed to have been completed earlier this year. When the hospital filed a claim in December against First Sealord Surety of Villanova, Penn., which held the contractor's performance bond, the surety company rehired S&A to complete the work, but that didn't work out either.

The hospital filed a lawsuit in Crittenden Circuit Court, claiming S&A breached its contract. The suit has now been moved to U.S. District Court in Paducah.

Marion man indicted on sexual abuse of minor, 7 more accused

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted eight individuals last week. It also continued two cases and amended charges in another.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It decides whether enough evidence exists to continue a case in the court system. An indictment means a case moves to Circuit Court.

Following are last week's indictments:

- Donald G. Curtis, 43, of Crittenden County was indicted on one dozen charges, namely DUI second offense, first-degree fleeing or evading police, speeding 26 mph over the limit, operating on suspended license, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle, failure to wear a seat belt, reckless driving, improper passing, improper or failure to signal, failure to produce an insurance card, disregarding a stop sign and failure to have rear light illuminated.

The charges stem from an incident on March 26 when a Kentucky State Trooper tried to stop Curtis' pickup truck in rural Crittenden County. The trooper has previously testified in court that Curtis disregarded the his lights and sirens and led the officer on a 20-mile, high-speed chase that reached speeds of up to 125 mph.

- Lawrence Davidson, 34, of Marion was indicted on charges of first-degree unlawful imprisonment, first-degree sexual abuse and for being a first-degree persistent felony offender. Davidson is alleged to have restrained an 11-year-old girl for the purpose of sexually assaulting her during an incident on Feb. 12 on North Weldon Street in Marion. During the alleged assault, Davidson is accused of subjecting the young girl to sexual contact. Police say the incident happened in a camper trailer near the girl's home. Davidson has previously been convicted of a sex crime.

Davidson

The case is under investigation by the Marion Police Department.

- Jeffrey G. Joyce, 42, of Marion was indicted for second-degree assault, first-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree terroristic threatening. The charges stem from an investigation by the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department and Marion Police Department on Feb. 11. Joyce is accused of confronting victim Barry K. Beard with a 12-gauge

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Governor signs important bills into law

Well, we passed a budget on time March 30, the 59th of our allocated 60 days (a veto-override day will occur today (Thursday)) as final passage was given to House Bill (HB) 265. This $19 billion state budget agreement will reduce spending by more than $300 million over the next two years while holding down bonded debt, preserving funding for critical areas like Medicaid, corrections and protecting base funding for our public schools. The agreed-upon budget also requires the governor to come up with another $80 million in savings to help bridge a $742 million gap between state revenues and spending for fiscal years 2012 through 2014. Other revenue measures to deal with the shortfall include fund transfers, fund lapses and a tax amnesty plan found in HB 499.

That said, the budget as negotiated includes many provisions that were unchanged from the governor's original plan, like no salary increases for state employees, which includes legislators and judges, and an 8.4-percent cut to most state agency budgets, again including the legislative and judicial branches. More funding is rare, in only a very limited number of areas like social services.

Debt restructuring would be curtailed over the next biennium. And we agreed to beef up the "rainy day" Budget Reserve Trust Fund that helps the state meet eligible "necessary" expenses that aren't part of the approved state budget. Last fiscal year's budget surplus (owing to an improving economy) allowed the commonwealth to deposit $121 million — the largest one-time deposit ever — into the fund after more than three years of shortfalls.

Agreement was not reached on the state's two-year and six-year Road Plan and corresponding Transportation Cabinet budget bill. Conference committee members from both the House and Senate have been working out our differences though today, which is both the next day that we meet and the last day of this 60-day 2012 Regular Session. By then, the governor will have had 10 days (excluding Sundays) to consider vetoes to bills we passed in recent days.

It is worth noting, however, that while we can pass last-minute bills today, doing so will forfeit any chance the General Assembly would have to override vetoes of those bills. We passed the budget bills and other key bills this session before we left town on March 30 specifically to ensure that we could override should the governor strike all or parts of legislation down with his veto pen.

Another key bill, Senate Bill (SB) 3, received final passage late March 30. It will fight the growing illegal methamphetamine trade in the commonwealth. Makers of street meth purchase, or send others to purchase, dozens to hundreds of boxes of pseudoephedrine tablets in products like Sudafed that are required to concoct the drug. This bill will limit legal purchase amounts of over-the-counter cold and allergy tablets containing pseudoephedrine from 9.0 grams to 7.2 grams monthly, without limiting the purchase of gel caps or liquids (which aren't converted easily to meth), or drugs dispensed by valid prescription. Block lists would keep the tablets from being sold to methamphetamine offenders, while pharmacies would be required to keep detailed electronic, rather than just written, records of buyers of the over-the-counter meds.

Dozens of other bills, as expected, cleared the General Assembly and made it to the governor's desk in the session's last full week. Some of those bills included:

■ HB 390, which will fight metal theft by restricting the sale of specific items made of copper or other valuable metals.

■ SB 32, which will set up a statewide dragnet, called Blue Alert, to help catch suspects in cases involving the killing, harm or kidnapping of a law enforcement officer.

■ SB 58, which will allow a law enforcement officer to arrest or cite someone for committing misdemeanor assault in a hospital ER with probable cause, even if the officer did not witness the offense.

■ HB 328, which will allow someone with an intermediate driver's license to apply for a motorcycle instruction permit.

■ HB 344, which will prohibit the intentional release of feral or wild hogs or pigs into the wild, and set misdemeanor penalties for violation.

■ HB 398, which will allow PVAs to use a variety of methods to determine fair cash value while requiring that appraisals for tract and subdivision developments meet specified minimum standards.

■ HB 421, which will make it harder for unscrupulous roofing contractors to defraud homeowners by giving homeowners a five-day grace period to pay or cancel a signed roofing contract, if their homeowner's policy doesn't cover the repair work.

■ HB 449, which will require certified family child-care homes to have a written plan for evacuation in case of a threatening situation.

Two more noteworthy bills were ones that I sponsored. Both deal with public pension systems. HB 300 addresses retirement systems governance and, does such things as putting new ethic restrictions on boards and administrators of all the systems; imposing retroactive term limits on board members; and requiring outside operators (called placement agents) promoting investment products to register as lobbyists. The other, House Concurrent Resolution 162 sets up a legislative task force to consider possible recommendations for across-the-board changes to all state-administered retirement systems.

I will report on any additional action, including the transportation bill (which I do not expect to include any changes to our district) when we return for our final session day. Until then, you can always stay informed of all the action by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 1-866-840-2835 to check the status of a particular bill or resolution.

(Rep. Cherry Princeton Democrat serving House District 4. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County in Frankfort. His column appears regularly when the Kentucky General Assembly is in session.)

Budget shows 8.4 percent cuts; drugs focus of session

Having completed 59 of the session's 60 working days, the 2012 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly will soon live only in memories, yellowed newspaper clippings, history books and new and amended statutes — and, we hope, in better, more prosperous lives for future generations of Kentuckians.

We spent the final full week of the session wrapping up some of the biggest priorities of the year.

Senate-House budget committee conferees began meeting on March 26 to iron out differences between chamber-approved budgets. They reached an agreement in the early morning hours of March 29 — as in, nearing 3 a.m.

This final budget awaiting the governor's signatures includes those unavoidable 8.4 percent cuts for most state agencies we have been telling you about, with the same exemptions for critical areas like Medicaid and corrections. State universities would see a 6.4 percent cut, and K-12 schools would receive full base-line funding, as previous reports suggested.

A main difference between the two chamber's plans, appropriating coal-severance money, was reconciled by creating a scholarship program for students from coal-producing counties across the state (to include western Kentucky) to attend colleges or universities near their homes. There is funding from coal taxes for many single-county projects, as well.

The House and Senate versions of the State's six-year road plan, which includes more than $3 billion over the next biennium for the repair and maintenance of Kentucky's roads, is still being considered in a conference committee as of press time this week. While each county will have its own projects, the Western Kentucky Parkway-Interstate 69 project has funding of $60 million along its corridor. We are hopeful that funding to help complete vital bridges work in Louisville as well as $200 million to continue ongoing improvements on a busy and deadly section of Interstate 65 in western Kentucky will be included in the final agreed-upon plan.

We hope to put a stamp of approval on the final road plan when we reconvene for our last day in April, scheduled for today (Thursday)

Important legislation aimed at curbing the scourge of drug abuse in the commonwealth also advanced this week. Two issues, in particular, have captured our attention all session: Meth labs and pill mills.

There has been a steep increase in the dangerous production and killer abuse of methamphetamine in Kentucky, especially in rural areas. The collateral damage to children, families and the environment is crippling.

Senate Bill 3 was sent to the governor's desk on March 30. The bill would decrease the current monthly over-the-counter purchase limit of pseudoephedrine (a required ingredient for cooking illegal meth and the only ingredient that cannot be substituted) from 9.0 grams to 7.2 grams, with a 24-gram-per-year limit. The current yearly limit is 108 grams. Pseudoephedrine is a decongestant for colds and allergies.

The legislation also seeks to prevent the well-known practice of "smurfing," where meth producers hire several people to visit multiple pharmacies to acquire large amounts of the drug. It would replace the current paper-tracking system for purchase of medicines containing ephedrine — such as Sudafed, Claritin D and other decongestants — with a mandatory electronic system that allows for more real-time tracking of purchase patterns.

These measures, sponsors say, will still provide law-abiding families an adequate supply of medicine to make it through cold and allergy season without having to see a doctor for a prescription, but also put much tighter restrictions on those seeking to purchase the medicines for illegal purposes.

We are also seeing a proliferation of "pill mills" across Kentucky. These are fly-by-night operations, often owned by people without a medical degree who live out-of-state and with few questions asked prescribe copious amounts of powerful narcotics under the auspices of a (supposedly) legitimate pain management clinic.

House Bill 4 beefs up the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting system, called KASPER, currently used to track the dispensing of controlled substances. The bill would move KASPER to the control of the Attorney General's office and create a KASPER division within that agency. It also authorizes interstate sharing of drug-tracking data. The move, supporters say, will facilitate the more aggressive investigation and possible prosecution of clinics operating illegally or on the fringes.

Hospitals, hospice programs, long-term care and some other facilities are exempt from the provisions of the bill, as it stood on March 30.

We hope this legislation reduces the staggering number of Kentuckians dying each month to prescription-drug overdose, estimated as high as 80 per month. Officials say prescription-drug abuse causes more deaths yearly in the commonwealth than traffic accidents.

We will reconvene to finish our final day today when we will have the opportunity to override any vetoes the governor may enact on these and the dozens of other bills we passed last month as well as to consider any agreements needed on bills being discussed in conference committees and any other "last-minute" legislation.

In the meantime, I encourage you to visit our website at www.lrc.ky.gov and review all the work we have done so far. If you would like to share your thoughts on any bill, you may call our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. You can e-mail me directly at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

(Sen. Ridley is a Henderson Democrat serving state Senate District 4. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Webster, Union, Caldwell and Henderson counties in Frankfort. His column appears regularly when the Kentucky General Assembly is in session.)

One final day

At press time, Kentucky lawmakers were scheduled to return to Frankfort today (Thursday) for the 60th and final day of the 2012 session to pass final legislation and have the opportunity to override any gubernatorial vetoes.

Self-reflection spurred by act of child

Sitting on the couch with my two-and-a-half-year-old Sunday night, a quick glance over to him as he sat by my feet led to a moment of dizziness, yet clarification. As he sat there in his SpongeBob SquarePants pajama bottoms and a lightweight hoodie, he had this quizzical look on his face that was wise beyond his years. Maybe it was due to low blood sugar or an overactive imagination but it was like I had stepped into a time machine and jumped forward 15 years. In a matter of seconds, I had been given the rare chance of seeing my son older, more knowledgable, and it brought tears to my eyes.

As parents, especially first-time parents, we celebrate all the firsts that occur in our child's years — learning to say Momma (or Dada), crawling, walking, throwing toys at expensive television sets, even losing the first tooth and learning the pain of a first heartbreak. Even though Davis is still in his terrible twos (where I fear he will be well until his adult years), I can't get over just how wonderful and magnificent such a creation is.

The ability to problem-solve at such a young age amazes me. I often find myself watching him from the corner of my eye as he's playing. I do it this way often; because, if he catches me watching him, he drops what he's doing and immediately toddles over for a hug and a kiss. Not that I don't enjoy those moments, but watching his independent play is so intriguing.

Sitting amidst a pile of toys, he carries on conversations with invisible friends, carrying on in his babyish gibber with only a few coherent words every now and then. When he's not talking, he's stacking Hot Wheels, laughing and clapping when he gets, maybe, 10-high before he knocks them over and begins again.

The world to my son — my young, ever precocious son — is one that offers an array of mysteries and discoveries, never ceasing to amaze him. He is so absorbed in what is around him, that oftentimes, trying to get him to listen is like trying to argue with a fence post. But it's through my observations of my son, that I've discovered something about myself.

Just because we're older and work 40-plus hours a week doesn't mean we're no longer able to take time to smell the air after a burst of rain or prance through flower fields, laughing. So many of us are lost in the busy schedules of our adult lives that we forget about the little things in life, about our own firsts. I've always been a kid at heart but it's become evident the older I become, the less interested I am in things that once held my attention. Maybe it's because I feel overwhelmed at times or just too busy in general but after seeing the enjoyment my son gets out of the little things I once viewed as tedious and impractical, I know I need to make a change. Not just for me, but for him, as well. I don't want him to lose that natural ability of questioning me a thousand times, even when it's explaining the same thing over again. I don't want him to forget about the simple pleasures in life that he gets just by chasing the dog around the coffee table before laughing like it's the funniest thing he's seen.

All that we do as toddlers, as young kids and teens, sets us up for who we become as adults. No dream is ever too far to reach. And for just a split-second in time, I was able to see my son as an adult, ready to take on the world.

(Hovey-Brown is a staff reporter at The Crittenden Press. Her column appears periodically in this newspaper.)

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Kathleen Guess began April 2 as the newest employee of Crittenden County Public Library, replacing Tabby Tinsley behind the circulation desk and as children's librarian. Guess, a native of Marion, calls the local library a "treasure trove waiting to be discovered."

Guess joins public library's staff, takes over children's program

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

Books can come in all shapes and sizes, old and new, with a varying array of topics but there's one thing they all have in common according to Kathleen Guess, who says its what's contained inside of those pages, in black ink.

"It's the world's knowledge and it's here, for free," Guess said, motioning to the rows and rows of shelves behind her.

A new face that will be seen behind the counter at the Crittenden County Public Library, Guess is the new children and youth services librarian, filling the position left vacant by the resignation of Tabby Tinsley. Although she doesn't have the experience as a bibliosoph, Guess says the fit of her new position is one of perfect proportions.

"It's like an extension of teaching," the Marion resident said. "It's going to be a lot more laid back and not as strict but it'll still be fun for me."

Cumulatively, Guess has 10 years teaching experience, spending most of that time at Crittenden County middle and high school. With a master's degree in art, Guess says her new position ties in two of her biggest loves – reading and art.

"Some of the children's books here have the most beautiful artwork on the pages," Guess said. "It's amazing to open the book and see that."

As the new children's librarian, Guess will be taking over story hour and the summer reading program, both of which she plans on leaving much the same. Her goal is to try to get more middle and high school kids active in the library.

"We offer so many different things here and it's all free," Guess said. "We have regulars who come to use our computers, some who come in to do genealogy and some kids will come in to play video games on the computers. There's not anything wrong with that but I want to at least get them to read one book this year.

"I will find out what they like, what they're interested in and I'll find a book for them that fits their interest. It's all about having fun while still learning something."

The goal, according to Guess, is to make more people aware of the benefits the public library offers.

"It's a treasure trove that is waiting to be discovered," Guess said.

While Guess will need to complete her library certification, public library director Regina Merrick is excited to have Guess on board.

"I definitely think she'll make an excellent addition to the library," Merrick said. "She's going to bring a lot of experience to the summer reading programs. She has a good rapport with kids and teens. She just works great with the public."

Guess' first day as the children's librarian was April 2 and even though she feels like she still has quite a bit to learn, she's more than excited for what lies ahead.

"There are so many possibilities with this job and I can't wait to use them," Guess said. "I'm very excited to be here."

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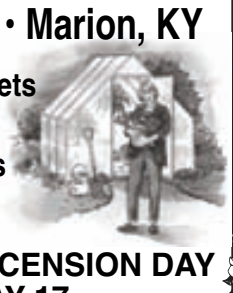

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EMS delivers baby on Tuesday morning

Crittenden County ambulance personnel delivered a baby during a call Tuesday morning.

A caller from Copperas Springs Road in rural Crittenden County phoned the non-emergency number at central dispatching at Marion Police Department where certified dispatcher Nicole Watson was on duty. The caller told Watson that a 25-year-old woman was having contractions two minutes apart and was in labor at the home on Copperas Springs Road.

Watson dispatched a Crittenden County ambulance. When EMS arrived, the medics loaded the woman into the ambulance and headed toward Livingston Hospital. However, a child was born en route, and the ambulance stopped for immediate care at Crittenden Hospital.

LIHEAP crisis phase less needed in 2012

Assistance for Crittenden County residents in need of help paying utilities this winter was down significantly over last year.

Kathy Penn, director of Crittenden County's Pennyrile Allied Community Service office, said money distributed to those in need through the 2012 crisis period of the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) was more than $22,000 less than in 2011.

From January through the end of March of this year, when the crisis period of LIHEAP ended, 255 applicants received $63,304 in assistance administered through the local office. Last year, during the same time frame, 343 applicants were given $85,404 to help pay their winter electric and gas bills.

Shoplifters targeting Amish store caught

Crittenden County deputies helped foil an Illinois shoplifter's getaway from two Amish businesses last weekend.

Law enforcement was notified when a man was believed to have taken a pair of boots from Yoder's Variety Store in rural Crittenden County Saturday. A description of the suspect's pickup was dispatched on police radio and Deputy Greg Rushing was sent to investigate. Meantime, Special Deputy Paul Beard witnessed a truck matching the description pulling out of the parking lot at Hillside Grocery, another Amish business. Beard followed the truck until he was advised by Deputy Rushing to make a traffic stop based on information Rushing had obtained about the first suspected theft.

Beard detained the driver of the vehicle, David Ramsey, 22, of Elizabethtown, Ill., until Rushing arrived and charged him with two counts of misdemeanor theft. A woman in Ramsey's vehicle was not charged and she allegedly cooperated with police.

Rushing said several items were taken from the two stores, including a turkey call, boots, Wheaties, a laptop desk, a GPS unit and handheld games.

Traffic fatalities

The number of 2012 traffic fatalities in Kentucky through Sunday as reported by Kentucky State Police in comparison to the same time period in 2011.

	2012 DEATHS	CHANGE FROM 2011	ALCOHOL RELATED
Deaths	161	-4	26

MODE	DEATHS	NO SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Automobile	136	79
Pedestrian	12	n/a
Motorcycle	11	8
ATV	2	1

Passion play slated for this weekend

Marion Baptist Church's annual Passion Play about the trial, sufferings and death of Jesus Christ will presented this week. The first showing at the church begins at 7 p.m., Friday and runs the following two nights starting at the same time. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

County's industries honored next week

Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC) along with the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce, are making plans for Industry Appreciation Week for Crittenden County.

The event is the first of its kind in the county and will be held all next week, starting Monday.

"It will be a big deal," said Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander. "Monday and Wednesday, we will be visiting the different industries with treats and awards with the culmination coming on Thursday with the announcement of the "Industry of the Week" along with a luncheon to be held at the Ed-Tech Center.

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All during the week, local industry will be honored for their contributions to the community. The weeklong activities will culminate with the luncheon The cost of the lunch at the Ed-Tech Center will be $6 and will begin at noon. The meal is being catered by Conrad's.

"The purpose of the event is to recognize the many contributions our local industries make to the community and to express a special appreciation," said Terry L. Bunnell, chairman of CCEDC,

U.S. 60 bridge still down to one lane

A traffic backup for westbound traffic crossing the U.S. 60 Tennessee River Bridge at Ledbetter resulted in about a 20-minute delay for commuters earlier this week, but the problems have been alleviated, according to a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) spokesman.

In fact, the reason for the lane restriction should be complete by Friday.

The lane restriction with alternating flow controlled by an automated signal is to allow the replacement of a deck expansion joint as part of ongoing repairs to the bridge structure, reports Keith Todd, KyTC spokesman.

The lane restriction is expected to remain in place around the clock through about 6 p.m., Friday, weather permitting.

During this phase of work the bridge is restricted to a maximum 7.5 ft. load width. The bridge is also posted with a strictly enforced three-ton load limit which essentially limits traffic on the bridge to passenger vehicles and unloaded standard pick-up trucks. An enhanced police presence continues to be maintained to enforce the load limit and a 35 mph speed limit on the bridge.

County paves roads, bids warning sirens

A half-mile-plus segment of Cave Springs Road off Ky. 120 got fresh pavement Monday, the latest of several county corridors to be resurfaced. Other rural roads — dating back to late last year — to be all or partially-paved include G.H. McMican, Brown Mines, Claude Belt, Pickering Hill, Earl Patmor, Orb Taylor and Tabor roads.

Meantime, at press time, the plumbing at the new emergency operations center off Industrial Drive in Marion was almost complete. Once finished, the concrete slab for the floor of the building can be poured, readying the site for erecting the metal building that will also house Crittenden Volunteer Fire Deparment.

Additionally, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the bids for 11 early-warning sirens just went out and the county should soon be deciding on where to buy the signals, which will be placed strategically throughout the county in order to provide widely-audible weather and other disaster warnings.

Jobless rate drops in 111 counties since February '11

Unemployment rates fell in 111 Kentucky counties between February 2011 and February 2012, including Crittenden and Livingston counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training.

Listed below are the jobless rates for select counties listed from the state's lowest in January 2012 to the highest with area counties of interest listed between. Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 6.9 percent, followed by Union and Webster counties in third at 7.7 percent each. Fulton County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 18.3 percent.

COUNTY	FEB. 2012	JAN. 2011	FEB. 2011
Woodford	6.9	6.8	8.3
Webster	7.7	7.3	8.4
Union	7.7	7.8	8.8
Caldwell	8.1	8.4	9.8
Crittenden	8.6	8.5	10.0
Livingston	10.5	10.0	11.1
Lyon	10.4	10.8	12.8
Fulton	18.3	17.9	12.7

Clarification

A story in last week's issue of The Crittenden Press misidentified a Crittenden County man sentenced in Crittenden District Court as having been from Blackford. The inadvertent error identified Donald G. Curtis of Blackford Road in rural Crittenden County as having been a member of the namesake Webster County community.

Marion Police March activity

Marion Police Department reports monthly activity courtesy of Police Chief Ray O'Neal. Below, March 2012 activity is compared to the previous month.

CATEGORY	FEBRUARY '12	MARCH '12
Miles Patrolled/ Driven	2,613	2,893
Criminal Investigations	9	11
Domestics	6	5
Felony Arrests	2	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	3	11
Non-Criminal Arrests	4	11
DUI Arrests	2	2
Criminal Summons	5	0
Citations	64	88
Traffic Warnings	23	32
Parking Tickets	0	2
Traffic Accidents	5	7
Safety Checks/Alarms	67	60
Calls for Service/Complaints	275	322

Detention center prisoner count

Following is a census of the 133-bed Crittenden County Detention Center as of Monday:

CLASSIFICATION	MALE	FEMALE
Federal	3	0
State	96	14
Crittenden	6	4
Other	7	0
Gender total	**114**	**18**
Total population: 132		

Last week, 36 detention center work release inmates put in 1,524 hours of community service, saving taxpayers approximately $11,049.

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WHO WE ARE

Tommi Paulson

Who We Are is a new feature found weekly inside The Crittenden Press. In it, we give you a chance to get to know your neighbors a little better.

Even though Tommi Paulson has spent most of her working career in a marketing position, she wasn't happy. She knew that she wanted something different, something that would help make a difference in peoples' lives. So, one day, she up and left her job to go back to school where she became a licensed masseuse.

"I knew that I wanted to do something that dealt with working with people one-on-one," Paulson said. "I felt like becoming a massage therapist was the right choice. I've always been drawn to this kind of work."

For five years, Paulson has owned and operated her business, Journey Massage Therapy and Bodywork, first opening her location in Lone Oak before relocating to her current location, behind the Health Quest Wellness Center.

A quick glance at Paulson while she's working can tell you that she loves her job. Massage therapy, according to Paulson, is much more than just helping people relax. It's about healing, and for Paulson, it's a personal reason as to why she offers oncology massages for clients who have been diagnosed with cancer. Growing up, Paulson has seen how cancer can affect lives. Several family members have been diagnosed over the years.

"I think that people still view massages as a form of pampering and it's so much more than that," Paulson said "It's about helping people heal."

When Paulson isn't in her office, booked with appointments, she can be found outdoors where she plays with her dog, Holly, a rescue dog that is a lab and cocker spaniel mix. Often times, Holly is found greeting clients at the door when they come in for their appointment.

"Animals are very therapeutic and all of my clients have responded well to being greeted by Holly," Paulson said. "Everyone spoils her when they come in for their massage."

For Paulson, becoming a massage therapist was a leap of faith, but one she is glad she made.

"It was always at the back of my mind," Paulson said. "I'm glad I did it."

Journey Massage is open weekdays from 8 a.m., to 5 p.m., and Saturdays by appointment.

School officials remind students of warm-weather dress code

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

The early arrival of warm weather prompted Crittenden County school officials are send out friendly reminders to students and parents regarding appropriate dress for the halls of education.

As temperatures outside begin to increase, the coverage of the student body is decreasing, with students trading in their winter wardrobe for summer shorts, jeans with holes and lighter blouses or T-shirts. Because the school district's dress code has been tested earlier than usual due to unseasonably warm weather, administrators are keeping an eye on students' apparel, making sure it fits school policy.

"There's a dress code because we want to preserve the integrity and dignity of our school," Crittenden County High School Principal Rhonda Callaway said. "It's about maintaining the learning environment for all of the students, free from distractions."

The dress code states that while students are to use their own judgment in choice of clothing, certain items are prohibited. Those items include clothes depicting or promoting the use of drugs, alcohol or other substances illegal for minors, including tobacco. Symbols or words of an obscene matter, halter tops or shirts that display a little too much skin — including a bare midriff or cleavage — are also banned. Skirts or shorts must be no higher than four inches above the knee. Callaway said jeans with holes cannot bare skin four inches above the knee.

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Tattoos that promote drug use, violence or obscene images must be covered.

Callaway tries to keep an eye on appearances early in the school day, as students are making their way to classes.

"We try to get it done first thing in the morning, and if a student is thought to be wearing something that needs to be changed, we pull them aside and give them an option," the principal said. "Most of the time, a student will have gym clothes that they opt to change into. Other times, they'll call a parent to bring them something.

"Our goal isn't to punish a student for wearing something that is against the dress code, it's to keep them in the classroom."

If a student is found to be wearing something against the dress code and a parent or guardian cannot be reached, the high school keeps on hand a supply of sweatshirts or pants which students can borrow until the end of the day.

"It's not often that we have to hand out sweatshirts, but there has been a time or two," Callaway said. "Most students who are found to be violating the dress code are willing to change into something more appropriate."

While the school district's dress code encompasses all three schools, it also gives principals some discretion in determining what is appropriate or inappropriate. The ruling is generally based on what the principal believes preserves the school's learning environment.

"Students should be able to come to school and not be distracted by what another student is wearing," Callaway explained. "We want to provide the same educational opportunity to all of our students, while preserving the dignity and integrity of our schools."

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shotgun at Beard's home on Deer Creek Church Road. Police records alleged that Joyce pointed the shotgun at Beard, threatening to shoot him. The report also says Joyce struck the victim twice with the weapon, causing a laceration to the right side of Beard's head and breaking his left arm.

■ Darci Metcalf, 40, of Eddyville was indicted on a charge of Failure to Report Change in Benefits in Order to Receive Benefits. The accusation stems from her allegedly receiving $5,322 in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits while she was not entitled to the benefits because she was allegedly working for two different employers.

■ Aaron A. Morgan, 19, of Marion was indicted on charges of third-degree burglary and second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor. He is alleged to have on Jan. 29 entered a golf storage shed at Marion Country Club with the intent to commit a crime. The other charge stems from two juveniles also being involved in the alleged burglary. Police say a golf cart was missing from the shed. It was later found slightly damaged on the opposite side of town.

■ Zakary S. Oliver, 30, of Dawson Springs was indicted on a charge of theft by unlawful taking (farm equipment). Court records allege that on May 13, 2010 Oliver sold a 1970 John Deere 4000 tractor belonging to Geraldine Oliver with the intent to permanently deprive her of the property and proceeds from the sale.

■ Dennis Stallins, 52, of Princeton was indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property (under $10,000). Court records indicate that he was in possession of the John Deere tractor involved in the Oliver case above.

■ Shawn Stallins, no age given, of Princeton was indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property (under $10,000). Court records indicate that he was in possession of the John Deere tractor involved in the Oliver case above.

■ The grand jury also amended a felony charge of Theft of Property Lose/Mislaid/Deliver by Mistake (over $500) against Kenneth L. Volkert, 60, to a misdemeanor charge of under $500 and remanded the case to district court.

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Jesus' death resulted in our salvation

The Resurrection of Jesus was a fulfillment of Psalms 85:10-11: "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from Heaven."

Jesus said, "I am truth."

His coming forth out of the tomb gives us the right — through confession, faith and repentance — to Heaven, but His death, resurrection and ascension also bought us a whole lot more for this life.

Peter tells us of some of what He left us in Second Peter 1:3-4: "According as his divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue; Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature..."

That is, to be partakers of His divine nature not only for the next life but for this one also.

Let's look at some of those "exceeding great and precious promises" He left us. Jesus said in John 10:10, "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly."

Yes, He gives us abundant life for the life here.

Granted, Jesus came to die so that we could be forgiven for our sins and go to Heaven when this life is over. But that is not all He came to give us. Paul told the Ephesians Jesus gave His life for the church to sanctify it by putting His Holy Spirit in a redeemed body so we could truly represent Him in this wicked world.

At Easter, we talk a lot about His horrible sufferings before and on the cross. Do we really believe He went through all that suffering just to get us to Heaven? If so, why didn't He take us on just as soon as we were saved? No, He suffered much for our needs in this life.

The greatest lie Satan has perpetrated upon the human race and mind is that the life of sin is better than the life in Christ in this world. Millions believe the life of sin is better here and the life of Christ is better for the hereafter.

Do we really think the great, loving and all-knowing God of the universe would be unloving and dumb enough to make that true, knowing if that were true, not many would ever come to Him? The reason many believe that is because Satan has blinded their eyes and they can't see that the Christian's life here is a million times better and greater than a life of sin can ever be.

As we look at some of the things He purchased for us for this life, they will show us how much greater is the life for Jesus than anything this world can offer.

The next big lie Satan tells people is, "Jesus only cares about our making Heaven our home, and not about the here and now." If He doesn't care about our pain and suffering in this life, where Satan is let loose on us and we are so vulnerable, then how can we respect and honor Him if He is only willing to help us in Heaven where we won't need His help?

Can we really believe He did all that suffering and not care about ours? No! A million times no. We will look at just some of the things His Will and Testament tells us He left us. "...The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

This said in Isaiah 53:5 and in First Peter 2:24 in the New Testament tells us, "by His stripes we were healed." So He left us peace and healing. Both are received by faith. James 5:14-16 tells us what to do when we need healing.

He was killed for our sins and rose again for our salvation. As Paul said in First Corinthians 15:12-18, "Had Christ not risen we would not have forgiveness from Him." His gift to us by His going back to Heaven was to send back His Holy Spirit to teach us and make us able to live so Heaven will be our home.

He said in John 16:7, " Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient (beneficial) for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter (Holy Spirit) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Now He tells us what that Comforter will do for us in this life:

1. Guide you into all truth, show you things to come — John 16:15.

2. Greater works we shall do than He did, what we ask in His name He will do — John 14:12-13.

3. He will send the Holy Spirit to live in us and He will comfort us — John 14:15-18.

4. The Holy Spirit will teach us all things whatsoever Jesus had said unto them, and give us peace that we don't even understand — John 14:25-27.

5. If we abide in Him and His words abide in us, we can ask what we will, and it shall be done — John 15:7.

6. He will reveal Jesus unto us — John 15:26.

7. He will give us power to be a witness unto Jesus — Acts. 1:8.

Jesus was beaten and killed to give us all these things for this life as well as for the next one. We need to learn more about how to lay claim to, and receive all He suffered and died to give us in the here and now, as well as in the next world. Come to church Sunday and hear more.

The New Testament is His will He signed with His blood and left for His children's inheritance. We are heirs as Christians, but collectors only through truly believing and not wavering. Read His will. Act upon it by believing it and obeying it. It is there for us but only beneficial to us if we reach out and take it. Love to all.

Methodists celebrate 100 years on College Street

STAFF REPORT

Marion United Methodist Church will be celebrating its 100th year at the corner of College and Carlisle streets with a public celebration and worship service this weekend.

The church building was open to worship in April 1912. Prior to that, the Methodists had a smaller church on the opposite side of town, which is today the Christian Church. Although Methodists have had a presence in the area since the 1830s, the first church was established here in 1848.

Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom have signed a proclamation declaring Sunday Methodist Day in Marion and Crittenden County.

To mark the centennial anniversary of its church building, which has the appearance of a small cathedral, the congregation is inviting everyone to a day of games and fun for the whole family on Saturday. There will be inflatables, free hot dogs and drinks, yard games and other activities on the church lawn. The event will be held from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On Sunday, the congregation will meet at 10 a.m., to recreate a processional across town similar to the one staged in the early 1900s when the cornerstone was laid for the new church. There was another walk across town held in 1962 during the 50th anniversary of the church's construction.

On Sunday, Bishop G. Lindsey Davis of Louisville will lead the special worship service. Afterwards, there will be a meal in the social hall and in the afternoon the church will host a concert by pianist Rebecca Johnson and organist Mary Helen Hodges.

The congregation cordially invites everyone to attend this special event to celebrate its community heritage and service of Jesus Christ.

Church notes

■ Barnett Chapel Church will have a special service to ordain two deacons for the church at 7 p.m., Saturday. Refreshments will follow. Bro. Steve Tinsley and congregation invite everyone to attend.

■ Sturgis First Baptist Church will have a prayer conference at 7 p.m., Monday. Best Selling author Jennifer Kennedy Dean will be the speaker. Registration isn't required. A love offering will be taken. The event is open to everyone and is sponsored by the churches of the Ohio Valley Baptist Association.

■ Trinity Pentecostal Church in Fredonia will host its homecoming services on April 22. Sunday School starts at 10 a.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m. A meal will be served at noon with a special singing by the Stone Family from Henderson.

■ Marion Baptist Church will host its annual Passion Play with doors opening at 6 p.m., April 13-15. Admission is free. For more information, call the church at 965-5232.

■ Marion United Methodist will have a centennial celebration Saturday and Sunday. There will be free food, games, inflatables on Saturday and a worship service at 10 a.m., Sunday. For more information, call 965-4580.

■ Old Salem Baptist Church will have a singing and fellowship meal at 6 p.m., April 22. Everyone is invited.

■ Sulphur Springs Baptist Church will have morning service at 11 a.m., April 22 with a meal to follow. A revival will be held at 7 p.m., nightly on April 23-25 with Bro. Fred Lowrance as the speaker.

■ The Caldwell and Lyon County Grief Support Group is held at 2 p.m., every Monday in the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association building in Princeton. It offers an educated and trained Christian grief counselor who can guide a person through the initial stages of grief and beyond after the loss of a loved one. The group is open to everyone and there is no charge. For more information or directions, call Carma Lee Chandler at 365-6578. If unable to attend meetings on Monday nights, Bro. Mac Walls can counsel on Saturdays. Call 210-1204 to make an appointment.

■ The Marion Baptist Family Life Center's weight room and walking track is open 5-8 p.m., Mondays, 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Thursdays and 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturdays.

Sulphur Springs Baptist Church

Revival

April 22 - 11:00 a.m.
Meal to Follow Morning Service

April 22 - 6:00 p.m. Evening Service

April 23-25 - 7:00 p.m.

Bro. Fred Lowrance (Speaker)

Sulphur Springs Baptist Church
528 Mexico Road
Marion, KY 42064

Worship with us

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. – Matthew 18:20

Harvest House Pentecostal Church
1147 St. Rt. 1077, Marion
Pastor Daniel Orten and family invite everyone to come and worship with them at..
Sunday morning service | 10 a.m.
Children's church provided
Sunday night | 6 p.m.
Thursday night | 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Bro. Dennis Winn, pastor
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108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion, Ky. • 965-4623
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Wednesday 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study - Children and Youth Activities
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Mexico Baptist Church
175 Mexico Road, (270) 965-4059
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training 6 p.m. • Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. • Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Pastor Tim Burdon
Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Visit us at www.mexicobaptist.org

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721 S. Main St., Marion — We invite you to be our guest
Bro. J.D. Graham, pastor
Sunday Bible Study at 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m., and 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church
585 Sugar Grove Church Road • Marion, Ky.
Rev. Terra Sisco • Sunday School 10 a.m. •
Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Tolu United Methodist Church
Bro. Selby Coomer, Pastor
We invite you to be our guest
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The People of The United Methodist Church
Sunday School 10 am • Service 11 am • Wednesday night youth 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. Wayne Garvey, pastor
Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
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Marion General Baptist Church
WEST BELLVILLE STREET • MARION, KY
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. • Tony Perryman, Pastor
For rides, call 965-0726 • Find us on Facebook!

Enon General Baptist Church
1660 Ky 132 • Marion
SERVICES
Sunday morning 10 a.m., 11 a.m.
Sunday night, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Bro. Chris Brantley, pastor
Home 270.965.8164
Mobile 270.339.2241

Life in Christ Church
A New Testament church
2925 U.S. 641, Marion
Sunday services 9 a.m. and 10:45a.m. | Wednesday services 7p.m.
Chris and Sue McDonald, pastors

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
224 W. Bellville St. • Marion, Ky.
Dee Ann Thompson, pastor • Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m., • Sunday Night Worship Service 6 p.m.

Marion Church of God
334 Fords Ferry Road • Marion, Kentucky
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
"Where salvation makes you a member."
Lucy Tedrick, pastor

Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church
• Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
• Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
• Sunday evening: 6 p.m.
• Wednesday night Bible study: 6 p.m.
Bro. Steve Tinsley, pastor
Barnett Chapel Road
Crittenden County, Ky.
Barnett Chapel... where everyone is welcome.

Marion Baptist Church
College and Depot, Marion • 965-5232
• Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
• Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
• Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
• Awana, 5:45 p.m., beginning Oct. 9
Pastor Mike Jones

St. William Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
Father Gregory Trawick
860 S. Main St.
Marion, Ky.
965-2477

Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church
State Route 506 - Marion, Kentucky
Sunday School 10 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.
Pastor Daniel Hopkins
A New Beginning, Going Forward and Looking to the Future

Crayne Community Church
Pastor, Bro. Tommy Hodge
Crayne Cemetery Road
Marion, Kentucky
Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.
Sunday school, 10 a.m. | Sunday worship, 11 a.m.

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MARION CHURCH OF CHRIST
546 WEST ELM STREET • MARION, KY
965-9450
Bible Study 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
– The End Of Your Search For A Friendly Church –

Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church
State Route 723, 4 miles north of Salem
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Herbert Alexander, Pastor

Unity General Baptist Church
4691 U.S. 641 • Crayne, Ky.
Barry Hix, pastor • 365-5836 or 625-1248
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

Frances Presbyterian Church
Bro. Butch Gray • Bro. A.C. Hodge
Wednesday night prayer meeting and youth service - 7PM
Sunday school - 10AM • Worship service - 11AM
Sunday evening service - 6PM

Caldwell Springs Missionary Baptist Church
Pastor Bill McMican
2212 SR 8555 • MARION, KY
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. •
Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
"We invite you to worship Jesus with us."

Hurricane Church
Hurricane Church Road off Hwy. 135 W.
Bro. Wayne Winters, Pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.

The Press OBITUARIES

Lasher

Patsie Virginia Lasher, 85, of Hampton, died Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a homemaker and member of Hampton United Methodist Church.

Lasher

Lasher is survived by two daughters, Lois and husband Jim Middleton of Venice, Fla., and Joy and husband Doug Slayden of Lola; four sons, Chris and wife Sherry Lasher and Anthony and wife Vickie Lasher, all of Hampton, Michael Lasher of Paducah and Kevin and wife Elaine Lasher of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; one sister, Donna McKendree of Benton; 11 grandchildren, Sukii Kolinski of Greeley, Colo., Joya Shonee Lesh of Westminister, Colo., Jennifer Clark of Shreveport, La., Kristina Crawford of Scottsdale, Ariz., Alizabeth Chittenden, Wesley Lasher and Sydney Lasher, all of Hampton, Rebecca Slayden and Crystal Robin Hurst, both of Ledbetter, Alex and Jodi Lasher of Cape Girardeau; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney Wendell Lasher; three sisters, Louise Cates, Elsie Clark and Isabelle McGregor; two brothers, Mason Walton and Carl Walton; and her parents, Pat V. and Belle McKinney Walton.

Funeral services were Friday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors with pastors Mike Birk and Mike Atkins officiating. Burial was in Hampton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hampton Cemetery Fund, Hampton, KY 42047.

Condolences may also be left online at boyd funeraldirectors.com.

Curry

Christy Lee Curry, 27, died Saturday, April 7, 2012 at Crittenden Health Systems.

She is survived by one daughter, Demi York of Eddyville; one son, Austin Curry of Illinois; one brother, William "Monroe" Todd of Marion; and three sisters, Elizabeth Ledbetter, Angela Vaughn and Beverly Todd, all of Harrisburg, Ill.

Curry

Curry was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Mary Curry.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Whites Chapel Church with interment in Love Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Curnel

Karla Jo Curnel, 50, of Marion died Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at her residence.

She was a homemaker.

Curnel is survived by her husband, Ricky Curnel; two daughters, Kayla Faughn and Johnna Fitch, both of Marion; one son, Ricky Jo Curnel of Marion; and her parents, Herman and Kathleen Logan Reed of Marion; three sisters, Margie Hamilton of Marion; Kathy Austin of Xenia, Ohio and Shelia Barnes of Lola; and eight grandchildren.

Curnel

She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Graveside services were Friday at Mapleview Cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Guill

Dorothy N. Guill, 66, of Marion died Monday, April 9, 2012 at Crittenden Health Systems.

She was a member of the Shepard's Chapel Ministry.

Guill is survived by her husband of 45 years, Willard Guill of Marion; one daughter, Melissa Guill of Marion; one brother, Charles Sisco of Missouri; one sister, Shirley Dalton of Kevil; and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, William T. "Cobby" Sisco, Edward Sisco, Morris Sisco, and Alvie Sisco, Evalean Curnel; and her parents, Roy Ben and Rosa Josephine Waters Sisco.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Friday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors with the Rev. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial will follow in White's Chapel Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m., today (Thursday) at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem.

The family requests, that memorial condolences be made to Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter, 24 Just-A-Mere Road, Marion, KY 42064.

Condolences may also be left online at boyd funeraldirectors.com..

Adams

Ricky Joe Adams, 32, of Marion died Sunday, April 8, 2012 in Welliston, N.D.

He was a member of Seven Springs General Baptist Church.

Adams is survived by his his mother, Dianne Adams of Marion; his father, David Adams of Providence; one brother, Timothy Adams of Marion; two half-brothers, Reese and David Wayne Adams, both of Providence; one step-brother, Timothy David of Dixon; and his grandmother, Mary Jo Adams of Marion.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m., Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Chapel Hill Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5 to 8 p.m., today (Thursday) at the funeral home.

Walker

Verna Belle Walker, 64, of Henderson died Sunday, April 8, 2012 at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson.

She is survived by her husband, James Robert Walker of Robards; one daughter, Faith Ann and husband Chris Householder of Henderson; two sisters, Hazel Fulks of Harvel, Ill., and Judy Barnes of Marion; and two brothers, John Hunter of Marion, and Presley Hunter of Odessa, Texas.

Walker

She was preceded in deathby her parents, Riley and Maudie Hunter, and four brothers.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m., today (Thursday) at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Tyners Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 S. Green St., Henderson, KY 42420.

Ruschmeyer

John J. Ruschmeyer, 89, of Pekin, Ill., died Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at Autumn Accolade in rural Green Valley, Ill.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving as a radioman first class. He had worked for the C&IM Railroad and later worked as a millwright out of Carpenters Local 644 in Pekin, retiring in 1986. He had last worked in maintenance for the Pekin Park District, retiring in 2003.

Ruschmeyer

Ruschmeyer was a member of First United Methodist Church in Pekin and a former member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Pekin.

Ruschmeyer is survived by three sons, Frederick and wife Shari Ruschmeyer of Salem, Thomas and wife Karen Ruschmeyer of Pekin and Scott Ruschmeyer of Bartonville, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Nicole, Tyler and Kyle and wife Joy Ruschmeyer, Megan Ruschmeyer, Patrick Ruschmeyer, Amy Ruschmeyer and Anderson Ruschmeyer; and one great-grandson, Owen Ruschmeyer.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Shirley E. Meredith Ruschmeyer; his parents, John D. and Carrie Faye Rose Ruschmeyer; five brothers; and one sister.

A graveside service was Saturday at Glendale Memorial Gardens in Pekin with Rev. Judy Doyle officiating. Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes and Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court St., Pekin, IL 61554.

To express condolences online, visit www.preston-hanley.com

Stallion

William Carlton "Bill" Stallion, 84, of Marion died Saturday, April 7, 2012 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He was a Purple Heart recipient as a member of the U.S. Army, and was a member of Freedom General Baptist Church and Bigham Masonic Lodge No. 256.

Stallion is survived by one son, Steven Wesley Stallion of Marion; one brother, Harold Dean Stallion of Newburg, Ind.; one sister, Nancy Landreth of Marion; two grandchildren, Rebecca Jo Arlington of Knox, Ind., and Jessica Marie Lynn of Marion; two great-grandchildren, Trevor James Arlington and Mason David Arlington, both of Knox.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rebecca Stallion; one son, William Gregory Stallion; one brother, Coye Stallion; one sister, Zeltha Stallion; and his parents, William Creed and Mayme Elizabeth Nesbitt Stallion.

Funeral services were Monday at Freedom General Baptist Church with the Bro. John Dunn and Bro. Jakie Brantley officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to, American Heart Association, c/o Boyd Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 26, Salem, KY 42078.

Photos of Crittenden war casualties sought

The Crittenden Press in conjunction with Crittenden County Historical Society's recognition of the county's military personnel killed in defense of the nation, is seeking photos of the following World War II and Korean War casualties to include in our annual Memorial Day tribute to these men. Images of all Crittenden Countians killed in Vietnam and most during World War II have already been acquired.

If you have photos of the men, please contact The Press at thepress@the-press.net or call 965-3191.

World War II

- ★ **Sgt. Forrest E. Brantley**
  U.S. Army
  Born: 1913
  KIA: Jan. 13, 1945 in Belgium
- ★ **Pfc. John W. Freeman**
  Born: 1918
  KIA: 1943 in stateside exercises
- ★ **Pfc. J.D. Hodge**
  Born: 1915
  KIA: 1944 in Italy
- ★ **Sgt. Herbert A. Hoover**
  Born: Aug. 29, 1904
  KIA: Oct. 14, 1944 in Germany
- ★ **S/Sgt. Denver L. Marvel**
  Born: 1920
  KIA: 1943 at Luzon, Philippines
- ★ **Sgt. Vivian McDonald**
  Born: 1917
  KIA: 1945 at Luzon, Philippines
- ★ **Sgt. Thomas Perkins**
  Born: 1921
  KIA: 1945 in stateside exercises
- ★ **Pfc. Carter Shoecraft**
  Born: 1925
  KIA: 1945 in Austria
- ★ **Pvt. Maurice Stalion**
  Born: May 14, 1916
  KIA: Aug. 15, 1942 in stateside exercises
- ★ **Pfc. James B. Truitt**
  Born: 1910
  KIA: July 11, 1944 in France
- ★ **Sgt. Jack L. Woody**
  U.S. Army Air Corps
  Born: 1910
  MIA: Dec. 14, 1945 in the Pacific Theatre
- ★ **Pfc. James C. Yandell**
  Born: 1919
  KIA: 1944 in Belgium

Korean War

- ★ **Sgt. James R. Bissell**
  U.S. Army
  Born: April 30, 1928
  KIA: June 2, 1951 as POW taken from Dec. 6, 1950 fighting near Hagaru, North Korea

THE SHADY GROVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT THE FIRE BARN IN SHADY GROVE ON APRIL 14TH AT 10:00 AM

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Backroads quilt show scheduled for April 28

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Hall Council Chambers will be decked out with quilts for the Backroads Quilt Show for April 28. Quilts can be displayed by anyone and do not have to be made by the exhibitor. This is not a sewing competition but the opportunity to view works of art.

The featured quilt display in the City Hall lobby is called "Unfinished Dreams" and will include all the steps in making a quilt.

Quilts can be entered from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Each quilt needs an information card listing the owner and maker, date made and pattern, if known, and other information which may be of interest to viewers. Information cards will be available at the show or can be picked up in advance at the County Extension office located at 1534 U.S. 60 East.

The Quilt Show is free and will be open for viewing by the public from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m. Spectators will vote for the show favorite called "The People's Choice Award." The winner will be announced at 3 p.m., and will receive a plaque and a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Quilts can be checked out from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Previous Back Roads Quilt Show award winning quilts are not eligible for show favorite, but can be displayed.

The show is free to the public and is sponsored by the Crittenden County Extension Homemaker Association. For further information contact Cindy Davidson at 969-8223 or the Extension Office at 965-5236.

Pinwheels draw attention to abuse

STAFF REPORT

About 500 sliver and blue pinwheels spinning throughout the community are designed to draw attention to child abuse prevention. The pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse prevention. They were purchased locally by the Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community and distributed by the Crittenden County Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC).

"The main reason we do this is to bring more awareness to the issue of child abuse," said Holly White, Family Resource Director and Community Educator. "No kid deserves to be abused and by bringing light to the situation, we're making more in the community aware of it."

PHOTO PROVIDED

Pinwheels adorn the front lawns of the Crittenden County middle and high schools, as well as Crittenden Health Systems, as a reminder that April is Child Abuse Awareness month.

Crittenden County Elementary students are also participating in the 2012 Pinwheels for Prevention campaign by coloring pinwheels that will be displayed at local businesses.

"We hope that through this partnership, we can work together toward improving the lives of children and preventing child abuse," White added.

Businesses or organizations interested in displaying pinwheels, should contact White at 965-3525. Blue ribbons to support the awareness effort are also available.

"When individuals take part in this campaign, they're making the statement, 'every child deserves to be raised in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment,'" White said. "It's my hope this image can positively help impact the way the public views children, as well as the prevention of child abuse and neglect. We appreciate all of the community's participation in this program."

New siblings require several adjustments

Are you expecting an addition to your family? You may wonder how best to prepare your child to welcome the newcomer. Although most commonly the new sibling will be a baby, he or she could be an older adopted or foster child.

No matter what kind of sibling you are planning for, there is one thing for sure: big changes are in store for your child.

Here are guidelines that may help the preparation process along.

Prepare your child for change

■ Children need time to get used to the idea that a brother or sister will join the family. Ask the staff at the public library to suggest a few storybooks on the subject to read together. Be ready to answer questions honestly and simply.

■ Take your child to visit families with younger babies.

Perhaps your child could hold the baby on his lap. He might be able to help dress, feed and play with the baby. You might explain what the baby can and cannot do. If the child you are expecting is an adopted or foster child, visit another child of that age.

■ If your hospital welcomes expectant families to tour its birthing room, your child can see where you will give birth. He may learn what a brand new baby looks and sounds like, and how to behave around the baby safely.

■ You could talk about his important roles in caring for the baby: assistant caregiver, helper for you, teacher and playmate. However, if he seems to be shy about helping with the baby, don't push that idea.

Show your child how to be a sibling

As a parent, you can model being friendly and gentle by being that way with your child and your own friends. Also, make sure your child invites her friends over to play on a regular basis. Observe carefully to make sure she treats them with respect, kindness and generosity. Intervene with suggestions for sharing and taking turns. Praise her when she does well. You are training her for playing with her new brother or sister.

Point out how important your child will be to his new sibling

The new sibling will love his big brother or sister. There is no doubt of that. Show your child that he will be a hero to the new child. Even if he seems to reverse his own development by having toilet accidents, sucking his thumb or being demanding, those behaviors are just temporary. Just show him that he is special every day by playing, reading and cuddling with him.

His role of hero is forever!

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Gillums receive civic award

Ted and Mel Gillum of Salem were announced as the 2012 Salem Civic Beautification Award winners. Presented annually each spring, the award is given to the winners during the Salem spring banquet, co-sponsored by the Salem Garden Club and the City of Salem. Pictured are (from left) Mayor Rell Peck, Ted Gillum, Mel Gillum and Janet Hughes, Salem Garden Club president.

HOMEMAKER NEWS

Evening Belles

Submitted by Margaret Gilland

The Evening Belles Homemakers met March 8 at the Crittenden County Extension office. President Pat Carter called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The club remembered member Helen Lewis who died recently, giving $25 to Relay for Life in her memory.

Carter did the inspirational reading with a poem, "I Choose Love." Myrle Dunning gave the treasurer's report and took roll, which was answered with a military branch of service a family member served in.

The Evening Belles received reminders from Project Graduation and 4-H Camp, asking for donations. After discussion, the two were tabled until the next meeting.

Nancy Hunt advised that donations for shoes for water, sponsored by 4-H and the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, could be left in boxes in the back of the Extension office March 28-29. Hunt also advised four cooking work stations at Crittenden County High School needs items. These classes are taught by Cheryl Burk. Hunt suggested the club donate $20 to purchase needed cooking supplies. Clubs can donate napkins, towels, saran wrap, S.O.S. pads and take items to the next meeting.

Dunning gave a lesson on why homemakers are involved with the military, and refreshments were served by Ann Crider.

The next meeting will be held at the Extension office on Thursday. Visitors are welcome.

Plans under way for annual Salem Day

STAFF REPORT

Plans are under way for the fifth annual Salem Day event, which will be held May 5, the same day as the Kentucky Derby. Naturally, Salem will be doing the theme, "Derby Day."

The event, sponsored by the Salem Garden Club, will be filled with fun activities for everyone including inflatables for kids, games, plant sale, book sale, raffles and vendors. Many contests related to the Derby Day theme include a Derby pageant, horse shoe pitching, stick pony races, best designed stick pony contest, best Derby hat contest and hat parade.

The Derby pageant will kick off the event at 11 a.m. Unlike most pageants, the Derby pageant will not have any formals, only dressy casual attire. After research, it was discovered the Derby pageant winner is chosen by the spin of the wheel. The tradition will continue and a few more things will be added.

The pageant is open to girls ages 3-7, 8-12 and 13-18. April 31 is the deadline to enter. Entry forms can be picked up at Salem City Hall or Harris Gas Company.

Farmers Bank is sponsoring the stick pony races beginning at 12:30 p.m., by the red barn on Court Street. All ages including adults can enter. After the races, the contest for best designed stick pony will be held on the stage at 2:30 p.m.

Derby hats can be entered starting at 1 p.m., for the best Derby hat contest which will have five categories: men's dapper dan, women's hot to trot, teen's hattitude and boys and girls 12 and under colts and fillies, and crowd favorite. Hats will be on display starting at 1 p-.m., so everyone can vote for crowd favorite.

The hat parade will start at 3 p.m., and the crowd favorite will be announced on stage at the end of the parade.

Salem Springlake will host car show in its parking lot. Watch for more details.

Be sure to check out the Derby Café. You will enjoy Kentucky Hot Browns, Kentucky Derby Pie and non-alcoholic Mint Juleps. The Salem Garden Club will also be selling barbecue, hamburgers, hot dogs and nachos.

If anyone is interested in participating in Salem Day, please call Janet Hughes at 988-3835 or 988-2145.

Harris-James

Edith Harris of Marion announces the upcoming marriage of her daughter, Kimberly Louise Harris, to Stephen Gregory James, son of Patrick and Debra James of Marion. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Ronnie Harris.

Harris is the granddaughter of the late Oscar Raymond Cain and the late Ordrie Cain Flanary and the late James Flanary and the late Elmer "Toby" Harris and Louise Harris. She is a 2011 graduate of Crittenden County High School and is attending Madisonville Community College. She is employed by Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem as a certified nurse aide and Cumberland River Homes as a direct service caregiver in Salem.

James is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Geary of Centertown and Mrs. Viola James of Marion and the late Denver "Perry" James. He is a 2008 graduate of Crittenden County High School and attended Madisonville Community College. He is employed by Ivy Construction in Marion and the United States Postal Service in Salem.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 3 p.m., April 14 at Cave Springs General Baptist Church in Marion. Everyone is invited to attend. Only out of town invitations are being sent.

Crittenden County High School students traveled to Prague, Krakow, Berlin and Budapest over spring break. Standing in front of the murals painted on the remnants of the Berlin wall are (kneeling) Anna Schnittker; (middle) Grishma Patel, Kaci Beard, Lindsay Sizemore, Micah Hollamon, Amelia Gilley, Emily Shewcraft; (back) teachers Kim Vince, Howard Suggs and Deonna McCord, Marcus Hughes and Tucker Frazer.

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Heady wins .22 rifle

Ronnie Heady was the winner of the .22 rifle raffled off during the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Cancer Awareness fundraiser. The gun was donated to the auxiliary by Marty Hodge. Tanya Hardesty, chairperson of the fundraiser thanks the committee and everyone who participated. Above, auxiliary president Connie Hunt presents the .22 to Heady.

Local veterans honored by VFW

On March 22, the VFW Post 12022 and the Ladies Auxiliary made a visit to some of its veterans who are current residents of the Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center. During their visit, the veterans received a wooden heart-shaped plaque that supports the American flag, a token of appreciation for their service to our country. Presenting the plaques were Post Commander Joe Lanham, Quarter Master William Clarke and Ladies Auxiliary President Connie Hunt, Chairman of the Hospital and Rhonda Steward, Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) Representative and Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Receiving the plaques were (beginning clockwise above left) Willard Mott, Don Crawford, Edward Davidson and George Gibson.

News and notes on the people you know from Marion and surrounding communities

Community Spotlight

McKinley qualifies for National American Miss

A four-year-old Marion girl has qualified for the Kentucky National American Miss Pageant next month in Louisville. Cambree McKinley, 4, was the top qualifier from the recent Owensboro National Miss Pageant. She will compete May 27-28 in Louisville for a chance to advance to the national pageant in Hollywood.

The National American Miss competition is aimed at helping girls gain poise, self-confidence and valuable communication skills.

McKinley is seeking sponsorships to help her pay the $440 entry fee at the state competition. Anyone wishing to help can call Robert Rushing at 704-5748 or Donna Rushing at 704-6665.

A donation jar is available at The Crittenden Press.

Adamson elected as Chamber president

Vanda Adamson has been elected president of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce for 2012-13.

The Chamber elected its new slate of officers last week during its regular monthly board meeting. Jeff Ellis of Rogers Group was chosen as vice president and Scott Belt of Farmers Bank was named treasurer. Their terms begin in June. Each one is already serving on the group's board of directors.

Also, Shannon Lain of Marion Auto Body was appointed to fill the unexpired term of a board member who resigned.

Historical museum is business of the month

Crittenden County Historical Museum was chosen as Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Month for April. Though the museum, overseen by Crittenden County Historical Society is not technically a business, it does serve the public as members of the Chamber.

PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Pictured last Wednesday on opening day for the museum in 2012 are (from left) Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander, Chamber (officer or board member) Vanda Hunt Adamson, historical society board member Sarah Ford, Society Treasurer Rita Travis, Society Secretary and Crittenden County Historian Brenda Underdown and museum curator, Roberta Shewmaker. Percy Cook, not pictured, is the longtime chairman of the historical society.

The museum has exhibits of Crittenden County history dating back 10,000 years as well as new exhibits such old-fashioned fans and a commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in Kentucky. Historian Brenda Underdown said the fans were once a staple of funeral homes and churches before air-conditioning became the norm.

Exhibits include photos of church, schools and business, as well as individuals; a section dedicated to those from the county who served in the military; school histories; and items found in every-day life over the last 150 years. The oldest exhibit is a collection of prehistoric tools and weapons on loan from Carlos Travis.

The museum is located at 124 E. Bellville St., in Marion, and is open from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., each Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is free.

ThePressCALENDAR

Saturday, April 14

■ The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library. The program will be a slide presentation on two of the Wallace plantation homes in Tolu and their family cemetery.

■ Crittenden County Project Graduation will sponsor a superhero/princess party from 10 a.m - 2 p.m., Saturday in the CCHS multipurpose room. Admission is $15 at the door. Girls are welcome to dress up in their favorite princess dresses and boys in their favorite superhero costumes. All parents and guardians are asked to remain in the room with their children. Everyone will receive a souvenir picture and snacks will be provided.

■ There will be a Spring Fling Open House from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday at the Marion Country Club. There will be 15 vendors offering homemade goods, as well as other items. For more information, call Jessi Champion at 704-0473.

Sunday, April 15

■ The Mustang Maffia of western Kentucky will have club participation signups from 1-5 p.m., Sunday rain or shine in the Food Giant parking lot. For more information, call Leigh Elsey at 333-1941 or email elsey.leigh@gmail.com.

Monday, April 16

■ The Crittenden County High School Site Base Decision Making council will meet at 4 p.m., Monday in the CCHS teachers workroom.

Ongoing

■ Boy Scouts will be doing a spring food drive. They will be placing door hangers Saturday in the community and will pick up donations the following saturday.

■ Beginning Monday, local industries in Crittenden County, will be honored as part of a new event, Industry Appreciation Week, sponsored by the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation and the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Industries will be recognized for their conturbations to the community during the week-long event, culminating Thursday with a luncheon where the "Industry of the Year" will be announced. "The purpose of the event is to recognize the many contributions our local industries make to the community and to express a special appreciation," Terry L. Burnell, chairman of CCEDC, said.

The family of Douglas Sullenger wishes to express our thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness shown during our great loss.

Thank you to Brother Wayne Garvey for his comforting words and to Rebecca Tyner Belt for the beautiful music. We so appreciate all the cards, flowers, phone calls, food and memorial gifts to Marion United Methodist Church. A special thanks to several dear friends for coordinating the meal. Also, thank you to Gilbert Funeral Home for all their support.

Your thoughtfulness means so much, especially during this difficult time. Thank you again for extending your support in so many ways.

We are blessed to live in such a wonderful place with such caring people.

Betty Sullenger
Joe, Susan, Wheeler Yarbrough
Alexandra and Kevin Bruenderman

Thank You

We wish to express a heartfelt "thank you" to each and everyone for your love and kindness during the sudden loss of my precious mother, Alberta W. Tyner. The cards, phone calls, food, gifts, flowers, and prayers were so appreciated. Special thanks to Crittenden County 911 Dispatch, Crittenden County EMTs, and Crittenden County Coroner and Deputy Coroner for your professionalism and kindness. To Chuck, Andy, Ricky, and Brandon of Boyd Funeral Chapel: Your artisanship, your attentiveness to detail, as well as the extra added kindnesses shown to me, my family, and friends were second to none. Dr. Brantley and Brother Porter, your special memories and thoughtful words were so meaningful and appreciated. Pallbearers John Croft, Daniel Kemper, Kevin Wheeler, Frank Pierce, Al Starnes, and Vince Clark: Mother would have been so pleased that you conveyed her to her resting place beside Dad, thank you. A very special "thank you" to Phyllis Sykes for the many kind deeds and acts of love shown to Mother and to us. We are very blessed to have each of you in our lives as family and friends.

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Methodist church celebrates 100 years on College Street

In Part 2 of Marion Methodist Church Celebrates 100 years, the dedication and impressive ceremonies are explained.

The Crittenden Press
March 21, 1912

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Methodist church and the date of the dedication has now been definitely fixed for April 28. An elaborate programme is being prepared, and the opening services will extend over four Sundays, and these will be followed immediately by a two-week Protracted Meeting.

The Dedicatory Sermon will be preached at 11 a.m., April 28 by Bishop Collins Denny, D.D., L.D., of Richmond, Va. The pulpit will be occupied at the night hour by the Rev. Frank M. Thomas, D. D., Presiding Elder of Louisville District of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, who is also the Fraternal Delegate from his own denomination to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church which assembles at Minneapolis, Minn., on Wednesday, May 1, Dr. Thomas traveling direct from Marion to that city.

What is to be known as a "Home Coming Week" will follow: Monday, April 29, by Rev. J. B. Adams, Presiding Elder of the Henderson District and Dr. Mather's immediate predecessor in the Marion Pastorate. Tuesday April 30, the pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. S. J. Thompson, Presiding Elder of the Owensboro District. Wednesday night, May 1, Rev. T.V. Joiner, pastor of the Hartford, Ky., Methodist Church will preach. Thursday night, May 2, Rev. J.B. McAfee of Franklin, Ky., and on Friday night, May 3, the Rev. Virgil Elgin, pastor of the Jeffersontown, Ky., Methodist Church will preach.

Saturday night, May 4, there will be a public reception to be presided over by Dr. and Mrs. Mather as host and hostess at which a sort of house warming will take place when the guests will be shown over the building.

Services on the three following Sundays will be conducted by some of the most prominent preachers in the Methodist church, including the Rev. Gross Alexander, D.D. of Nashville, Tenn., editor of the Methodist Review, and one of the greatest classical scholars in America: Rev. Dr. W.B. Palmore, editor of St. Louis Christian Advocate, and known world-wide for his many philanthropies and educational work, and bishop W.A. Candler, D.D., of Atlanta, Ga., who is perhaps the most popular of the bishops of the Southern Methodist Church.

Dr. Palmore, who is an exceptionally popular preacher, is now on his way home from a protracted trip around the world, during which he has visited every continent and has been received in high places and entertained by the great and powerful of the earth. He preached on a U. S. Cruiser in Manila Bay on the last anniversary of Dewey's great victory, and has since traveled all through eastern Asia, and is at this moment in India, enroute home to America. He will have a great and interesting message for the congregation that will gather on the day of his visit to Marion.

In addition to Dr. Palmore's Sunday sermons, Dr. Mather hopes to persuade him to deliver one of his popular lectures on the Monday night following, so that everyone may have a chance to hear this great man.

More definite announcement concerning the programme will be made in a later issue but the foregoing is sufficient to indicate that our Methodist friends are looking forward with great interest to the opening of their new church home, and, given good weather, the services will doubtless mark an epoch in the history of our city.

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May 12, 1912
New church cleared of debt

In spite of inclement weather, the beautiful house of worship erected by the Methodists of this city was formally opened on Sunday last with a full list of appropriate services.

At 9:30 a.m., the Sunday School assembled in session at the old church on Salem Street and walked in procession to the new building at the corner of Carlisle and College streets. The procession gained in proportions as it advanced, until, by the time it reached the new church it more than filled the Sunday school auditorium, it being estimated that nearly 500 men, women and children had taken part in it.

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History tells us that one of the largest crowds that ever assembled within the city witnessed the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the new Methodist church in June 1911.

At 10 o'clock, Dr. Mather announced the Doxology which was sung as a prelude to the Baptismal Service which immediately followed, at which 25 children and young people were publicly dedicated to God in Holy Baptism.

Punctually at 10:45 the main auditorium being completely filled and the Sunday School auditorium lacking about 200 being full, Dr. Mather announced the opening hymn, "O Worship the King" which was sung with fine effect by an augmented choir accompanied by the church orchestra. Prayer was offered by the bishop and after more singing, bishop Denny of Richmond, Va., preached the opening sermon from the text found in the first verse of the 51st Psalm. For an hour and a half the bishop discourse eloquently upon his theme and then followed a statement by the pastor as to the amount of money needed to pay off the remaining indebtedness on the building. Dr. Mather asked for $7,500.00, and despite the lateness of the hour $4,700 of this amount was secured before the bishop pronounced the benediction.

During the afternoon the weather changed to a sharp rain and thunderstorm, and at 7:30, the hour appointed for the night service, about 500 people only gathered for worship. After a short sermon, Dr. Mather proceeded to ask for a collection equal to the remaining indebtedness, and at 9:35 p.m., was able to announce that the amount was at such a point as to warrant him in asking the official board to join him in assuming responsibility for the balance by taking the old church property as collateral for the same.

Then four young people were formally received into the church as members, the Doxology sung after a solo by Mrs. Scheifflin of Smithland; and the benediction brought to a close, what was probably one of the most remarkable services ever held by the Methodists in this part of the state.

The opening services will continue all this week, and for three more Sundays, the formal dedication of the church being set for Sunday, May 12, when Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D. D. L. L., of Kansas City, Mo. will preach the sermon.

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A vintage photo of the Methodist Church made in 1917.

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May 16, 1912

In spite of the cold and cheerless weather which prevailed on Sunday last, a large audience assembled at the Methodist Church to hear Bishop E. R. Hendrix of Kansas City, Mo., preach the dedicatory sermon.

The Bishop, who is President of the Federated Council of America, is the representative official of some 18 million of church members, delivered a long-to-be remembered sermon from the test, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's Business" after which he solemnly set apart the church for the worship of almighty God according to the impressive ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

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NEWS FROM 1912

■ RMS Titanic, the world's largest cruise liner at the time, sank in the North Atlantic on its way to New York City 100 years ago Sunday on its maiden voyage. The supposed unsinkable ship struck an iceberg, ripping its hull open, allowing seawater to overwhelm the vessel. It took with it to a watery grave 2.5 miles below the ocean's surface some 1,500 souls.

NEWS FROM 1962

■ Donna Lawson and Barbara Hendrix entered and rated excellent in a piano duet at a music festival held in Murray.

■ The secretary of the local draft board announced that two young men would be drafted into the Armed Forces. They were Charles William MiMican of Marion and Vernon Oliver Ball of Hopkinsville.

NEWS FROM 1987

■ The work of local artist Roger Morris was to be featured in a display at Paducah's city hall. The Carrsville resident who was employed by The Peoples Bank, was been selected as the guest artist for Paducah's 52nd annual spring art show.

■ Crittenden County boys' track and field team returned home from the Webster County Invitational with a fifth place performance. Senior Donnie Phillips held top team honors with a second-place finish in the shot-put event.

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Grazing school set to start next week

The University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton will offer a Kentucky Grazing School from 7:30 a.m., to 5:30 p.m., next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Grazing is the most cost-effective way for producers to feed their ruminant animals. The agenda for the school includes region-specific grazing information where participants will visit field sites, participate in field exercises, tour demonstration plots and participate in hands-on activities.

Pre-registration is required, as space is limited to the first 45 registrants. The cost, $50, includes materials, manual, breaks and lunch. To obtain an application, visit www2.ca.uky.edu/grazer or contact Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at 965-5236.

FSA's CRP sign-up extended to Friday

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced late last week that the sign-up deadline for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been extended to Friday.

After the CRP general sign-up ends Friday, FSA will evaluate offers based on cost and the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). The EBI takes into consideration variables such as wildlife habitat, water quality protection, soil erosion reduction, air quality protection and other enduring benefits. Accepted offers will become effective Oct. 1.

Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Producers are urged to contact their local FSA service center in Salem at 988-2180 or visit FSA's website at fsa.usda.gov for additional information regarding CRP.

2 Livingston teens place at YFA contest

Two Livingston County teens placed in the Kentucky Young Farmer Association (YFA) contest.

C. Chittenden

Casey Chittenden won two state YFA contests and placed in several others. He earned first place in both Upland Soybean Production and Agriculture Mechanic's Knowledge. Meantime, Jenifer Chittenden placed in the state crafts competition.

The two were recognized recently at the Livingston County YFA annual banquet held in conjunction with the Livingston County Cattlemen's Association. About 35 people attended the event. Aside from the state award winners, Amanda Brasher, who recently retired as Past State President of the Kentucky YFA, was also recognized at the banquet.

Brasher

The banquet was paid for by the donations of area businesses and the Cattleman's Association.

The YFA is a part of the Livingston-Marshall County Adult Agriculture Education Program and is funded through Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Brasher serves as County President and Jeff Futrell is the advisor.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS FROM USDA MARKET NEWS

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

KDOA-USDA Market News

Livingston County Livestock Auction

Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed upon arrival)

Receipts: 431 head.

Compared to last week: Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Feeder steers and heifers mostly steady.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	800-1200	1127	73.00-78.00	75.56
1	800-1200	1115	82.00	82.00 HD
10	1200-1600	1358	70.00-80.50	77.04
2	1200-1600	1368	82.00-88.00	84.82 HD
1	1600-2000	1610	80.00	80.00
1	1600-2000	1605	65.00	65.00 LD

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
12	800-1200	1069	69.00-77.00	72.58

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	800-1200	916	52.00-65.00	58.22

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1000-1500	1415	103.00	103.00
8	1500-3000	1764	100.00-107.50	103.14

Slaughter Bulls Y.G 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1000-1500	1175	90.50	90.50
2	1500-3000	1570	92.00-99.00	95.62

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1000-1500	1135	88.00	88.00
1	1500-3000	1530	84.50	84.50

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	280	200.00	200.00
13	300-400	382	180.00-193.00	187.38
19	400-500	448	180.00-192.50	186.39
13	500-600	524	162.00-175.00	172.55
3	600-700	642	140.00-151.00	147.03
9	800-900	845	120.00-130.50	127.04
1	900-1000	985	107.00	107.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	265	185.00	185.00
9	400-500	455	158.00-179.00	174.09
2	500-600	550	157.00-160.00	158.43
1	700-800	745	115.00	115.00
2	800-900	842	110.00-118.00	113.80

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	300-400	391	110.00	110.00
1	500-600	590	90.00	90.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	100-200	182	155.00-156.00	155.51
4	200-300	276	190.00-225.00	196.82
20	300-400	366	174.00-183.00	179.98
41	400-500	449	166.50-183.00	174.29
19	500-600	537	148.00-155.00	150.55
15	600-700	662	130.00-143.00	132.76
2	700-800	735	113.00	113.00
1	800-900	865	101.00	101.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	200-300	288	170.00-184.00	179.30
3	300-400	347	170.00-173.00	172.08
9	400-500	476	130.00-164.00	155.94
10	500-600	569	117.00-143.00	133.59
7	600-700	671	117.00-120.00	117.85
2	700-800	768	106.00-109.00	107.50

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	300-400	361	180.00-190.00	187.20
15	400-500	445	177.00-187.00	182.38
12	500-600	543	150.00-164.00	158.55
5	600-700	635	140.00-146.00	143.55
2	700-800	712	128.00	128.00
2	800-900	815	110.00-114.00	111.98

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	400-500	464	169.00-175.00	171.09
2	500-600	555	127.00-141.00	133.81
6	600-700	663	114.00-134.00	126.14
3	700-800	772	110.00-115.00	112.68

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tion has progressed as quickly as it should have from the start," Arflack said Monday. "I would have expected the annexation to have already been decided... more finalized by now. I was led to believe it was a sure thing."

Arflack and fellow councilman Mike Byford were both in attendance at the annexation forum last week.

Typically, it has been city policy to annex areas where sewer lines have been run, Alexander said Monday. But with construction beginning this week, not one resident had legally agreed to be annexed into the city.

Bryant said annexation is not on the agenda for Monday's city council meeting, though he suspects it may be brought up in discussion.

"I might inquire lightly at this meeting," Arflack said of annexation questions he may still have by Monday's city government meeting. "I'd like to see how far it's progressed. It's only been two weeks."

Bryant said the city is not ready to act at this point.

"We're not ready for (the council) to do an annexation ordinance yet," he said of the first legal step toward incorporating new land into the city.

However, he still believes it is the council's desire to annex residents along Airport Road, as well as the airport.

Bart Frazer, the city's attorney who was also at the meeting last week, said he expects by Monday to have answers to several of the questions that came up about annexation during the meeting with residents.

"I'm sure some of those questions will be brought up (at the council meeting)," he said.

Arflack said he is curious about how many consent-to-annex forms distributed to homeowners along Airport Road have been returned to city officials. At the close of business Monday, none had been returned to city hall.

A contract to install sewer lines has already been awarded to Walter Martin Excavating of Russell Springs. Installation of the utility, some say, was one of the so-called carrots to attract landowners along Airport Road to consent to annexation. Now, it appears that enticement will soon be removed as a bargaining chip. Each home will have the availability to hook onto the utility despite the outcome of the annexation proposal.

Alexander said the last areas to be annexed into Marion were incorporated after receiving access to the city utility. Those included Briarwood subdivision, Autumn Lane leading to the elementary school and parts of Town and Country subdivision.

"If we're going to run city services, I think they should be annexed," Arflack agreed.

The councilman said by the May council meeting, he expects Bryant, Alexander and Frazer will have had time to speak with residents along Airport Road in order to answer any lingering questions about annexation.

Property owners, Dr. Scott and Priscilla Graham, have yet to grant the city easement onto their property to install the sewer line. Bryant said the city is still negotiating with the couple.

The seeds of annexation

Annexation of properties along Airport Road has been on the city's radar screen for some time, particularly since the Kentucky Division of Water several years ago pointed to that area of west Marion and U.S. 641 south of town as the most viable for expansion of the city limit. Because of the concentration of houses along Airport Road, the city opted for that direction, offering access to city sewer as simply one way to encourage agreement with annexation.

"We started five years ago to get where we are today," Bryant told those on hand at last week's meeting.

Since that time, the city has received more than $1 million in Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) grants for growing the city's sewer utility. At the desire of the council, expansion first included service to about 60 of the 100 or so locations already within the city that were not serviced by the utility for logistical reasons. Additional sewer lines were run down U.S. 60 West to where Sunrise Donuts currently sets. At the time the council agreed to heading in that direction, the previous property owners had expressed interest in expanding their RV camping site and restaurant to include a motel.

Then the council turned its eyes toward Airport Road, proposing sewer line access all the way to the airport as a second phase of the westward expansion of the utility in the hope of annexation to follow.

With enough KIA grant money remaining to complete that project, Bryant said the council earlier voted 5-1 to pursue that goal.

Arflack said he does not remember a specific vote about a second phase of the U.S. West sewer line extension to the airport.

The current plans for annexation extend the city limit from Old Salem Road westward along the U.S. 60 West right-of-way to Sunrise Donuts and begin to flare out northward, incorporating homes along both sides of Airport Road all the way to and including the airport. The leg along the narrow right-of-way on the north side of U.S. 60 West would bypass a few homes off the road where Bryant said running sewer lines would not be cost effective for one reason or another.

Sewer installation

The contractor was set to begin staging operations for sewer line installation this week.

Putting in the lines will require resident's driveways to be cut across. No boring underneath drives will take place, according to Bryant. A $300 tap-on fee gets the sewer line run to the home and city utility workers will complete hook-ups to the homes.

The cost of sewer utility use will be based on the same rates paid as those living within the city. Though residents along Airport Road are served by Crittenden-Livingston Water District, Marion sewer bills will simply be calculated based on the number of gallons metered by the rural water utility. Marion's sewer rate is 75 percent of the monthly water bill, but Airport Road customers would pay the utility fee based on the city's lower water rates per gallon rather that the rural district's monthly charge.

However, if an Airport Road resident decides to tap on to city sewer, there is no waiver for sewer utility fees based on gallons of water used to wash cars or fill up pools. That is a city policy tied to a 1993 bond issue that expires in 2023.

Process for annexation tricky

STAFF REPORT

No city in Kentucky can simply force annexation upon an area.

According to Kentucky's Revised Statutes, the annexation process begins when a city council enacts an ordinance declaring its intent to incorporate area outside the city limit. Once that ordinance is published, at least 50 percent of the "resident voters or owners of real property" in the described area must petition against annexation within 60 days. If that 50 percent or more of the names are certified by the county clerk prior to the second Tuesday in August, the measure would go to the ballot in the next general election.

At that time, it would take a 55 percent supermajority of those voting within the proposed area of annexation to cast a ballot against incorporation in order to halt the measure. In other words, only 45 percent of those voting in the identified area are needed to approve annexation. Only those living in the defined area could vote on the measure.

If no valid petition is presented within 60 days of the published ordinance, annexation of the unincorporated area can then be carried out without recourse by residents.

The only way for Airport Road residents to avoid annexation is to petition and vote it down or convince a majority of city council members to forgo enacting any annexation ordinance. The consent to annexation forms handed out last week could play a key role in whether the council decides to go ahead with annexation plans. If none are returned, that is a strong indication that those affected are not interested in being incorporated into the city.

City Administrator Mark Bryant said city officials plan to address annexation one-on-one with property owners along Airport Road.

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SPRING SPORTS

Upcoming events

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Baseball at Paducah Tilghman
Softball at Webster County
Track at Webster County
FRIDAY
Softball hosts Carlisle County
SATURDAY
Baseball hosts Heath
MONDAY
Baseball hosts Dawson - Class A
Softball hosts Lyon - Class A
TUESDAY
Track at Caldwell County

BASEBALL

Late registration now

Crittenden County Dugout Club is still accepting registration forms, but anyone signing up through Saturday will have to pay a $15 penalty plus the normal league fee. League fee for T-ball is $20. All other leagues are $25. Registration forms are available at The Crittenden Press. The form can be submitted at The Press or mailed with payment to Dugout Club, PO Box 5, Marion, KY 42064. Registration will close Saturday. For more information, contact Chris Evans at 965-3191.

Meeting for parents

The Crittenden County Dugout Club will host a public meeting for coaches, parents or anyone else interested in knowing more about the summer youth baseball and softball leagues. League rules will also be explained during the meeting, which will be at 6 p.m., April 23 at Marion-Crittenden County Park's pavilion next to the ball fields.

Last sign up day

Fredonia baseball program will have its last sign-up day at the park on Saturday. Players wishing to participate in summer leagues can register at the park from 9-11 a.m. Registration forms are also available at Fredonia Foods and More and at the Caldwell Medical Center's front desk 7 a.m., to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Cost per child is $25. You can also go online to Fredoniabaseball@wordpress.com. The website offers all relevant information regarding the ballpark, including a registration form. All league information is available on the website. For information, contact Jenny Whittington at 625-0340 or Donnie Conway 625-9162.

GOLF

Scramble is May 12

The Crittenden County scholastic golf boosters are hosting their fourth-annual Golf Scramble Saturday, May 12 at Marion Country Club. All proceeds benefit the high school and middle school golf teams. Tee off will be at 8:30 a.m., and there will be lunch following the 18-hole round. Cost is $200 to enter a team. Contact Nicky Winders at 704-1991 or David Foster at 969-0602 for more information or to register a team..

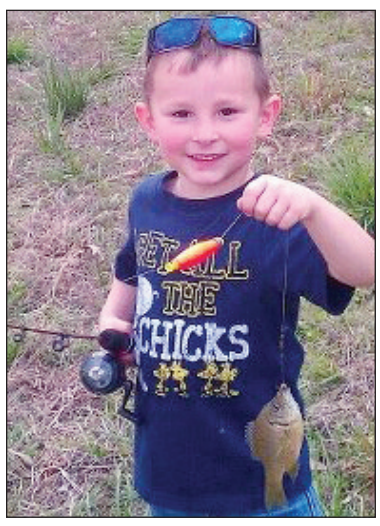
OUTDOORS

Upcoming seasons

Youth Turkey	April 7-8
Spring Turkey	April 14 - May 6
Spring Squirrel	May 19 - June 15
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round

Turkey harvests are up

The harvest of turkeys during the spring season has grown steadily in the past 15 years, from 13,606 statewide in 1996 to 32,191 in 2011. In Crittenden County, hunters took 519 turkeys last year. In 2000, hunters here harvested just 351 birds.



Bryson Walker, 4, caught his first fish last week in a Crittenden County farm pond. He caught three more before the day was over. His parents are Doug and Kelly Walker.

PHOTO BY REESE BAKER

Crittenden County first baseman Zac Knight readies to catch a throw from the pitcher, trying to pick off a Campbellsville runner during action in Florida.

Spring Sports Roundup

BASEBALL

Rockets fall 3-1 to Webster

Crittenden County, fresh off its Florida five-game, spring-break trip, lost a close one to neighboring Webster County Monday at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

The Trojans scored two runs in the top of the 10th inning to win the game.

The score was tied at one after nine. Crittenden starter Travis Gilbert and Webster starter Kyle Welshams both pitched very well for nine innings. Gilbert allowed no earned runs and six hits while striking out a dozen. Welshams allowed one earned run, five hits, walked two and struck out 19. Neither starter got the decision.

Wes Evers, who continues hot at the plate, hitting over .500, was 2-for-4. Noah Dickerson was also 2-for-4 with a double and Brenden Phillips tripled.

Evers pitched the last inning and was tagged with the loss. Webster reliever Hunter Nichols got the win after working the 10th.

The Rockets are 3-8 this season. Webster, at 12-6, has the Second Region's best record.

Webster 3, Crittenden 1

Webster Co.	010	000	000	2 -	3 7 0
Crittenden Co.	010	000	000	0 -	1 8 3

Welshams, Nichols (10) and Nichols; Gilbert, Evers (10) and Phillips. WP Nichols. LP Evers. 2B C-Dickerson. 3B C-Phillips.

Crittenden 1-3 in Sunshine

The highlight of Crittenden County's trip to Florida last week for spring break was a 4-1 win Wednesday against a very good, but young Glasgow team.

The Rockets got a two-hit pitching job out of ace Travis Gilbert to silence the otherwise hot Scottie bats. Glasgow has the best record in the Fourth Region at 12-2 and seven times it has scored more than 10 runs in a game.

Campbellsville 12, Crittenden 5

Crittenden Co.	000	320	0 -	5	11 3
Campbellsville	327	000	x -	12	11 -

Belt, Willis (3) and Phillips; Kearney and Durham. WP Kearney. LP Belt. 2B Evers (2), Dickerson.

Somerset 15, Crittenden 0

Somerset	102	147	0 -	15	14 -
Crittenden Co.	000	000	0 -	0	4 2

Dishman and Wilson; Evers, Champion (5) and Phillips. WP Dishman. LP Evers. 2B C-Owen. HR S-Wilson.

Crittenden 4, Glasgow 1

Glasgow	100	000	0 -	1	2 -
Crittenden Co.	001	300	x -	4	2 3

Green, Travis and Garmon; Gilbert and Phillips. WP Gilbert (1-1). LP Green. 2B Evers.

Lawrence Co. 8, Crittenden 1

Lawrence Co.	220	040	0 -	8	5 -
Crittenden Co.	100	000	0 -	1	2 6

Cavins, Wallen (7) and Rice; Bebout, Belt (6) and Phillips. WP Cavins. LP Bebout.

Marion Bobcats 9-under traveling baseball team won the Owensboro Easter Bash last weekend. The boys won three straight games, beating Warren County Wolfpack 9-8 in the last inning then having little trouble with Henderson Dirt Dogs and Booneville (Ind.) Battle Cats. Team members are (front from left) Trace Adams, Gavin Hunt, Brody Williams, Gunner Bingham, Tyler Boone, (middle) Braxton Winders, Aden Rush, Eric O'Leary, Caden McCalister, Gabe Mott, (back) coaches Blair Winders, Michael Hunt, Austin Rush and Chad Mott. Not pictured was Tate Roberts. The 8-under Bobcats also played at Owensboro. They finished without a win in three games.

YOUNG GUNS HARVEST 31 TURKEYS

Young turkey hunters – ages 15-under – took 31 birds last weekend in Crittenden County during the special two-day youth hunt. The regular season opens Saturday.

Logan Young, 8, bagged his first turkey the afternoon of April 8 in Crittenden County.

Bobby Glen Stephens, who always gets his bird, bagged this gobbler Saturday. It weighed 22 pounds, had a 10½-inch beard, and seven-eighths-inch spurs.

Brothers Hunter and Ethan Stone bagged a bird each last weekend. Hunter's gobbler weighed 15.21 pounds, had a 10-inch beard and seven-eighths-inch spurs. Ethan, who is 10, got his first tom. It weighed 21 pounds, had a double beard 10¾ and 6¾ inches, and one-inch spurs.

Victoria Joiner, 6, bagged her first turkey Saturday. Pictured also are her grandfather Eddie Joiner and father William Joiner. The tom weighed 24 pounds and had a 9½-inch beard.

Bryson Walker, 4, caught his first fish last week in a Crittenden County farm pond. He caught three more before the day was over. His parents are Doug and Kelly Walker.

Logan Shuecraft, 13, harvested this gobbler while hunting on private property in Crittenden County. The turkey weighed 24.5 pounds with a 10½-inch beard and 1¼-inch spurs.

Jeremiah Foster, 6, took his first turkey during opening day of youth season while hunting in Crittenden County. It was a jake with a 4½-inch beard and weighed about 13 pounds.

Seth Blackburn, 7, took this tom on Sunday morning. It had a 9¾-inch beard and three-quarter-inch spurs.

Jaylin Blackburn, 10, bagged this gobbler Saturday morning. It had a 9½-inch beard and three-quarter-inch spurs.

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real estate

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agriculture

Large round or square bales of hay for sale. Call Mike McConnell, 965-5752 or 704-0342. (1t-40-p)

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employment

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Crittenden County Dugout Club is seeking a qualified individual or group to operate the concession stand at Marion-Crittenden County Park during youth baseball and softball seasons this spring and summer. This is a paid, contract position. If interested, send resume and references to Dugout Club, PO Box 5, Marion, KY 42064.(36-tfc-c)

yard sales

3 Unit Storage Foreclosure Auction. Handy Andy Mini Storage. 100 Cherry St., Marion, Ky. April 28 at 10:00 a.m. (2t-41-p)

Carport Sale, Fri., April 13 and Sat., April 14. Teenage clothes, fruit jars, rugs, curtains, cabinet, glassware, footstool, oil lamps, toys, kids clothes and more, jewelry, chifferobe, shooting bench, dishes, wall decor, lots more! 4th house past Quarry on right. 8942 US 60 East. (1t-40-p)

Yard Sale, Sat., April 14, 8 a.m. - ?. 201 West Elm St. Too much to mention - has to go cheap. (1t-40-p)

Yard Sale, Fri., April 13 and Sat., April 14. 331 First St. Marion, Ky. (1t-40-p)

Yard Sale, Fri., April 13 and Sat., April 14. 709 Crittenden Dr., Jada Williams and Stacey Stone. Ladies clothes, shoes, newborn clothes 3T and some 4T, girls clothes 12-16, boys clothes 8-10, some mens clothes, prom dresses, wood baby doll furniture, housewares, curtains, baby toys, something for everyone. (1t-40-p)

misc.

CHS Annual Relay for Life, Mother/Daughter Tea. Sat., April 28. Please RSVP at 965-1080 before April 15. (3t-40-c)rfl

services

Private sitting with elderly. Day shift only. Excellent references. (812) 840-0169. (2t-41-p)

lost

Tan & white basset hound. Lives on Hwy. 855 and answers to Rally. Has white paws and white tipped tail. Reward offered. 704-9915. (2t-41-p)

notices

Bid Notice

The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for surplus dirt at the building site for the new Emergency Operations Center. The bids will be taken by the pickup load, tandem axel truck, single axle truck, or tri-axle truckload. Bids will be accepted at the County Judge's office until 8:30 a.m., April 17, 2012, at which time the bids will be opened during the regular Fiscal Court meeting. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. If you have any questions regarding this notice, call the County Judge's office at 270-965-5251. (2t-40-c) cfc

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR
THE INSTALLATION OF
RADIO READ METERS

The Crittenden/Livingston Water District will be receiving bids for the installation of 1,640 3/4-inch and 40 1-inch radio read meters. The Water District requests a per unit bid price as well as a lump sum price. The Water District will receive bids @ 620 E. Main St. Salem, KY 42078 until 7:00 p.m. CST on April 23, 2012. All bids will be opened and read out loud at this time. Any interested parties should contact Ronnie Slayden with the Crittenden/Livingston Water District (270) 988-2680. The Water District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Crittenden/Livingston Water District is am Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms. (1t-40-c)

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND
RELOCATION OF GRAVESITES

On February 21, 2012, the Crittenden Fiscal Court adopted a resolution allowing Bobby Grogan, at his own expense, to remove and relocate five gravesites marked "Buntun" from his farm located near the Cumberland River, Dycusburg, Kentucky to the Dycusburg Cemetery. Anyone having any interest in this matter should address their comments or concerns within 60 days from February 23, 2012 to Bart Frazer, Attorney for Bobby Grogan, P.O. Box 361, 200 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. (270) 965-2261. (11t-45-c)frp

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that on April 4, 2012 Everett Keith Woodall of 1926 Sr. 91 North, Marion, Ky. 42064 and Boice Christopher Woodall of 3503 Wilson Farm Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 P.O. Box 462, was appointed co-executors with will annexed of Boise Woodall, deceased, whose address was 1904 Sr. 91 North, Marion, Ky. 42064 Attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-executors with will annexed on or before the 4th day of October, 2012 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All person indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court

Madeline Henderson, Clerk

(1t-40-c)

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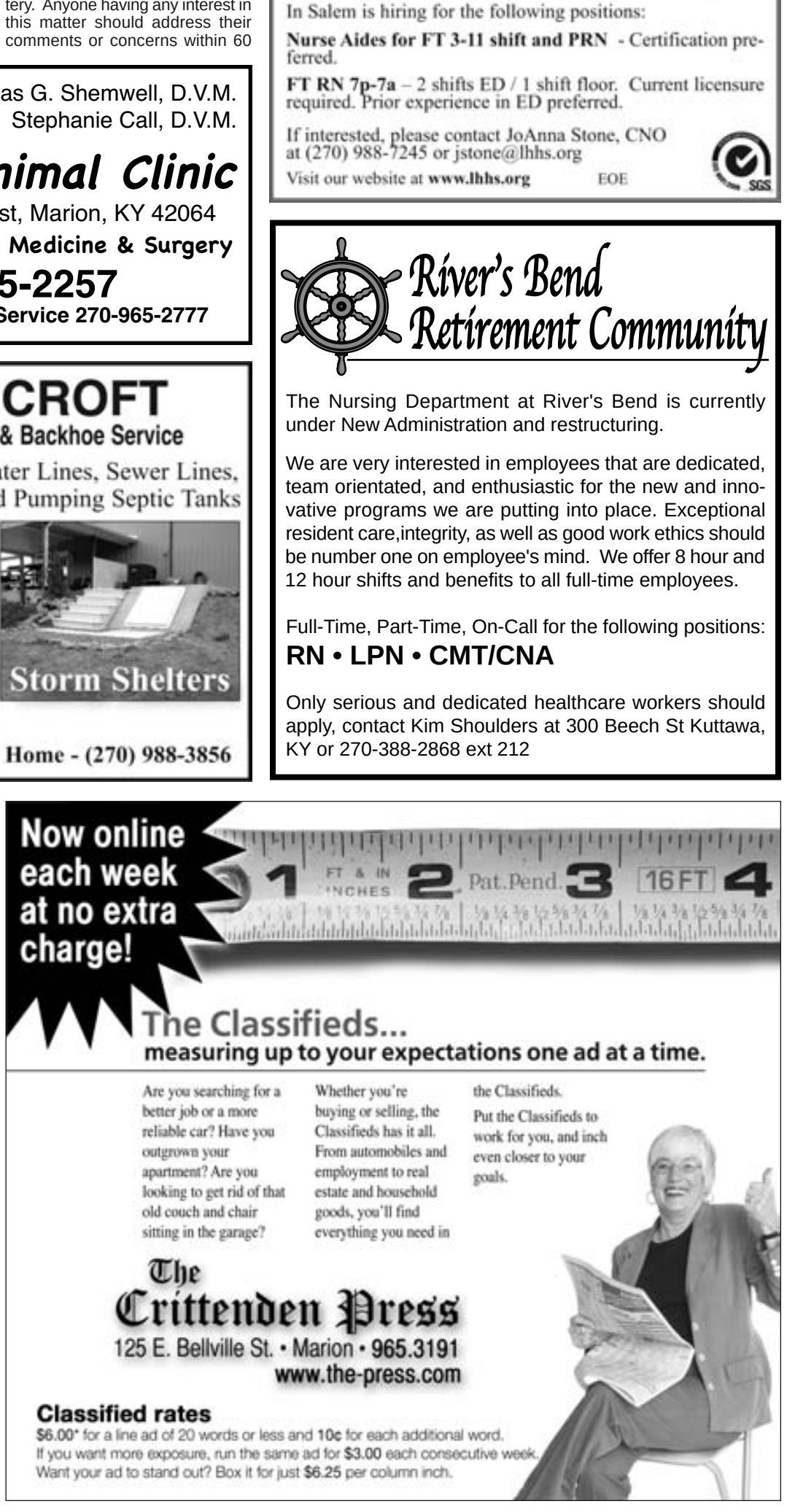
PUBLIC NOTICE

BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS.

A public hearing will be held by Crittenden County Fiscal Court at the courthouse on April 17, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Fund.

All interested persons in Crittenden County are invited to the hearing to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the office of the County Judge Executive at 270-965-5251 by April 17, 2012 so the arrangements can be made to secure their comments.



HUGHES

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pate in the academy, students had to write three essays, answer a statement of how they would change the world, meet an ACT requirement and go through an interview process. Hughes, who scored a 31 on his ACT, said the program was recommended to him by Greg Hollamon, a retired CCHS math teacher.

"After he recommended it to me, I started reading a bit more about it, and after I visited, I became more excited about it," Hughes said. "The environment will be different, as will the level of involvement. It'll be fun."

Hughes will be among the 50 students selected for the academy's Class of 2014. He will spend his junior and senior year of high school taking dual courses that will aid him in completing his high school diploma through Crittenden County High School as well as finishing the academy with a minimum of 60 college credit hours, roughly the first two years of university work.

Hughes' mother, Mildred, said when she first learned about it, she was a bit nervous, but has since become used to the idea.

"It's hard to know that he's going to college at 16, and that worried me, but after seeing how closely they work with students there and offer counselors, I felt better about the idea," Mildred said.

Besides Hughes, the class includes Lyon County's Anna Berger, daughter of Marie and Richard Berger; and Webster County's Curtis Hardison, son of Melissa and Joe Hardison. Thirty-four other counties are represented.

"The strength of the members of the Gatton Academy's Class of 2014 is a testament to the good work of educators and schools across the state," said Corey Alderdice, the Academy's assistant director for admissions and public relations. "We look forward to the opportunity to now partner with those districts to continue to meet the educational, social, and emotional needs of these high-ability students. Their experiences will be the flagstone in these young people's pursuit to lead Kentucky in the 21st century."

SPRING BOARDING

PHOTO BY JERITT HOVEY-BROWN

Taking advantage of beautiful spring weather last Thursday, Chaz Anslyn, 20, shown above working on his board slide, and a friend, Dimitri Nichols,17, both of Marion, took their skateboards to the Marion-Crittenden County Park where they fine-tuned some maneuvers. Having grown up together, both boys find interest in perfecting the skills it takes to grind a rail or perform a simple ollie, where the rider and board leap into the air without the use of the rider's hands. The friends have been skateboarding for the last seven years.

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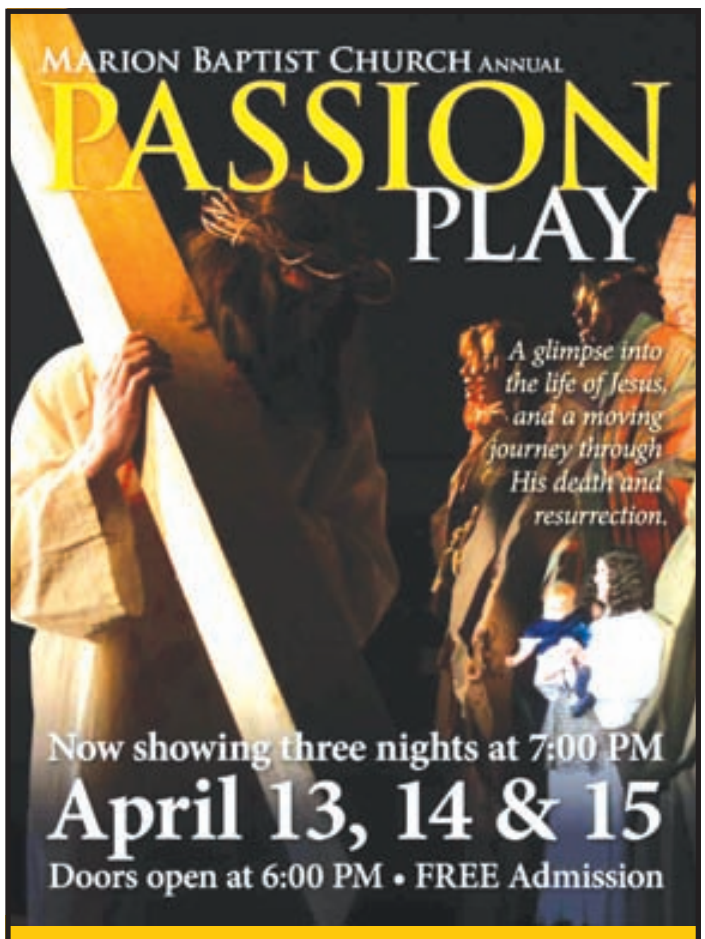

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Friday, April 13 at 7 p.m.
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- Guest Minister Bishop G. Lindsey Davis
- Potluck to follow
- Piano/Organ Concert 3 p.m. featuring Mary Helen Hodges & Rebecca Johnson

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